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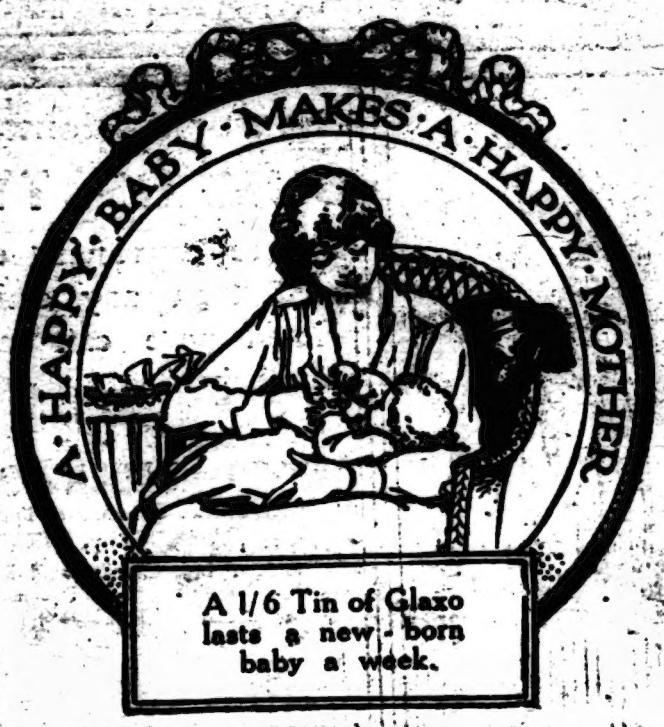

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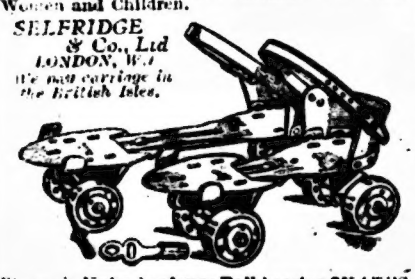

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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

Very Sorry.

We are greatly distressed to learn from the *Daily News* that the American Ambassador occupied a seat in the ambassadorial gallery of the House of Commons and heard us "rail" against the United States. We should have railed a little more had we known he was there.

Those Reporters.

By the way, we observe that the *Star* says our references to America were received in "stony silence." As a matter of fact, as will be seen from most of the newspaper reports, they elicited general cheering. And it is good enough to associate us indirectly with the Garrick Theatre demonstration—perhaps because the American Ambassador was also present at that function.

German Newspapers.

There is considerable uneasiness in France over the purchase by English groups of several of the principal German newspapers. Their propaganda work will be carefully scrutinised from Paris.

Missing Prisoners.

The result of our inquiries of the War Office is that there are still 222 prisoners in Germany unaccounted for, whilst as regards Turkey "it is feared that the records are so imperfect that there is practically no chance of obtaining information." This is bad news for relatives at home, and scarcely blends with the glib assurances as to the accuracy of German and Turkish records which were given us at the time of the Armistice.

"Better Late Than Never."

We are glad to see that the Government has accepted the proposal of Lord Southborough to appoint a Committee to enquire into the different types of hysteria and shell-shock from which many soldiers suffered during the war, and to review as far as possible Courts-Martial sentences passed upon men for crimes when under the influence of these diseases. But why should the proceedings be conducted in secret?

That Channel Crossing.

So it was necessary to charter the great cross-Channel steamer *Biarritz* for the purpose of taking Lord Curzon and his secretariat over to Calais, in order to enable him to reach Paris in time to travel by the special train conveying the French Delegation to San Remo! But it was not considered necessary to wait for either Field-Marshal Sir H. Wilson or Admiral Beatty. You see, they were simply military and naval experts, whilst Lord Curzon is a politician.

Very "Dry."

Have you heard the latest rumour—namely, that Americans are now so dry that they have to pin their postage stamps on to the envelopes?

"By Any Other Name"?

Why do the Government speak of Income *Tax* and Excess Profits *Duty*? Is it an attempt to induce the long-suffering commercial community to believe that the latter is not a tax?

Mental Economy.

In the opinion of the Rev. D. J. Hiley, President-elect of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, the great peril is that "people nowadays let the newspaper men do their thinking for them, and rely almost entirely for their views upon the *Times*, or *Daily Mail*, or *John Bull*." But, after all, to be able to put your thinking out for twopence a week is surely a commendable economy!

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See page 24.

A Chance for "L. G."

According to the pressmen at Marseilles, Mr. Lloyd George told them that he went to San Remo as the "champion of the liberty of the world." It is suggested by several of our readers that he should take an early opportunity of visiting Ireland. We *don't* think!

China and Japan.

Here's an extract from a letter received from a Yanghokow reader: "I do not wish to appear unduly pessimistic, but, by God, I believe we are in for trouble out here. There is a most intense anti-Japanese feeling throughout China." What a pity Mr. Wilson is so unwell, or no doubt he would despatch one of his famous Notes and thus end the trouble!

Women Masons.

Apropos of our recent inquiry why, in these days of sex equality, women should not be initiated into the craft of Freemasonry, we are informed that there is actually in existence, though in abeyance, a female Masonic order known as the "Mopses," with a ritual, etc., all complete. We don't like the name—even though we are assured it is derived "from the small German mastiff dog, and is emblematic of fidelity." There was no fidelity in the German dogs during the war.

Seen at Tokyo.

A reader, recently returned from Japan, tells us that the following notice on a local carrier's premises caught his eye: "Leave your luggage with us and we will send it in every direction." Much more candid than some of our own carriers.

A Sunday Necessity.

We observe that, in the course of a prosecution at Doncaster of certain newsagents for selling papers on Sunday, our honourable and learned friend, Mr. Clement Edwards, successfully pleaded that they were a necessity. No doubt he quoted the *National News* and the *Sunday Evening Telegram* in support of his argument.

Indemnities.

As we recently pointed out, it is quite abundantly clear that Indemnities, as distinguished from Reparation, have now definitely gone by the board; whilst, as regards Reparation itself, it is doubtful whether we shall get a single penny—to say nothing of Germany's failure to provide the expenses of the Rhine Army. How we *have* been fooled!

Worcester Sauce.

In a recent address to the Men's Own Brotherhood, at Malvern, the Dean of Worcester, having formulated the postulate that justice, brotherhood, and love were the three eternal truths upon which the happiness and salvation of the world depend, expressed his regret that "neither the Editor of JOHN BULL nor the House of Commons as a whole believe it." What parsonic piffle, to be sure!

"Where Ignorance is Bliss."

Mr. Asquith must really take a "commercial course" at one of the evening schools. During his speech on the Budget he solemnly expressed the hope that the Government would not permit companies to evade income tax by the issue of bonus shares or placing large sums to reserve funds—being guilelessly ignorant of the fact that the tax is levied on profits. Oh, for a Business ex-Premier!

The Wrong Stick.

A new Irish journal has just appeared with the somewhat blasphemous title of *Calvary*, and in its first number JOHN BULL is taken to task for having "some years ago advocated free licence to home-coming soldiers, that the English population might be increased." Our contemporary has evidently got hold of a copy of one of our predecessors of the same name; certainly no such suggestion has ever appeared in our columns.

A Hint to the L.G.O.C.

When is the London General Omnibus Company going to fit its vehicles with tarpaulin covers for use in wet weather? Nearly a year ago the Company promised that they would be restored in time for the winter. During the recent heavy rains, however, when the vehicles were unusually crowded, outside passengers have had absolutely no protection. Lord Ashfield can do better if he tries.

Soda.

The average present price of soda is 7s. 6d. per cwt.—that figure yielding a fair profit. Yet we find Tinlings, Limited, of 31, Cowcross Street, E.C., offering, by circular, to supply it "for delivery commencing not later than June 7th at the price of £15 per ton," and refusing to accept orders unaccompanied by a deposit of 50 per cent. Doubling the price of a commodity and obtaining half the money before delivery must be very profitable.

Sweated Civil Servants.

One of the great vices of Government Departments is that, while the men at the top are often paid salaries in excess of either their merits or the value of their work, those at the bottom receive less than a living wage. Many of the Inland Revenue (Income Tax Department) clerks are to-day paid no more than £2 19s. a week, on which they have to maintain a wife and several children. This figure is less than the average wage now paid to scavengers, and there can be no excuse for such disgraceful sweating.

Hun Music "Off."

So the British Music Society, bowing to the storm of adverse opinion which our recent paragraph swelled, has after all decided not to give Strauss's "Heldenleben" at its forthcoming congress. It is worthy of notice that Mr. Granville Bantock, who initiated the campaign against the inclusion of this Hun work, together with most of his supporters, admitted his admiration for "Heldenleben," but rightly contended that a society so named should not produce it when so much native work was available. Logic and patriotism!

Sub-Lets and Extortion.

Not all the extortionate rent-grabbing is done by landlords. It has become a practice of many tenants not only to make arbitrary and exacting demands in sub-letting, but also in order to cut-up the available accommodation into as many parts as possible, to break open doors, remove furniture and private goods, restrict landings, and put up new partitions. Tenants are now by law protected from excessive rentage and protected in their home shelter; it seems to us only reasonable that their sub-tenants should be protected in turn from discomfort and rapacity.

"Matchless Mary."

We have now with us a female Pussyfoot in the person of "Matchless Mary," otherwise Mrs. Armour of the World's Women Christian Temperance Union. "In America," the lady has confided to an interviewer, "I have been called the Joan of Arc of the Temperance Crusade, and that is the designation I prefer." Under the title "The Degradation of a Hallowed Name," T. N. H. of Clapham Common would like us to publish his withering sonnet about it; but we don't think it matters. The only thing which will make this country dry is the price it costs to continue wet.

Favours for the Fair.

We do not quite like an advertisement by Mr. Mills, of Smarden, Ashford. He says he requires "two landwomen. . . . one to do two horses, empty cottage available." When so many returned men are looking for work of the kind, it is thankless on the part of an employer to hanker after the services of women, whether for cheapness or otherwise.

An Irish Grievance.

There are male clerks in the Public Record Office, Dublin, with a wage of 25s., plus a war bonus of 31s. 6d.—total of 56s. 6d. One recipient served two years overseas with the Royal Munster Fusiliers; others, declared "indispensable" during the war, have been 10 years and more in the service of the Department. Let us hope a Home Rule Government would be more generous.

Poor "Feed" for the Agents.

A travelling representative of a large firm of feeding cake manufacturers describes himself as a "forgotten individual." What he means is that, since the beginning of the war, he has received no increase of pay, his commission being assessed not upon the price of the feeding-stuffs, which has advanced considerably, but upon the weight disposed of, which is a fairly constant factor. The cake-makers' consciences must have gone to sleep.

The Miner's Lot.

A Wigan miner tells us he has "been down London" six months while soldiering, and the people in that auriferous city think that every miner is a millionaire like themselves. Having stated his own idea about wages, he adds: "I'm sorry I ever came home from the army; killing yourself all the week down that black hole and can't raise a pint of beer after Saturday. I hope the Big Wigs in Whitehall will study these figures and see whether they will pull shirts and pants off—working with nothing on all day, only a pair of socks and clogs." We can answer for said Big Wigs. They are not posing for the pictures.

A Cowardly Assault.

To raise Cain on licensed premises and when remonstrated with to beat and batter the landlord is not expensive. At any rate, not always. At the Lawford's Gate (Gloucestershire) Petty Sessions the other day, four men who had vented their drunken fury on a respectable publican, setting upon him all four at once, were fined a guinea for "refusing to quit" the premises, and £2 2s. each for the brutal assault. The landlord's serious tale of injuries affected the Magistrates not one iota. The cowardly ruffians were James, George, Frank and Henry Little. Evidently a "little" breed.

Unseemly.

They seem to do funny things at Mansfield. An attractive looking woman, who summoned her husband at the local police court for persistent cruelty, told the Bench that he had frequently bruised her "all over the body," and that on three occasions she had had to show a policeman her bruises. Addressing a blushing young constable, the husband's solicitor said, "I ought to call you the Inspector of Bruises." There was general laughter—but it seems to have occurred to no one that a police surgeon or other professional man, and not a young constable, is the fitting person to examine a woman "all over her body."

Christian Frockery.

In the view of the Rev. Dinsdale Young, a well-known Nonconformist minister, no Christian woman is under religious or moral obligation to make a scarecrow of herself. It is well said. The man who wants to see a woman dress out of her day is either a fool or a fanatic. Our wives and daughters and sisters and aunts and mothers-in-law are inside those dresses; and, whatever they dress or undress in, they're the best in the world.

The German Masquerade.

Following the example of a number of its compatriots, a Hamburg firm, M. Hupe and Co., has the nerve to circularise British shopkeepers—offering tubes, containing what it says is "Lanolin Toilette Crème." They say:—"Goods show no sign of German manufacture, only French printing, absolutely neutral." What is this country about, to permit the entry of German goods masquerading as French?

A Handsome Promise.

A final word of thanks to the Rev. J. A. F. Ozanne, of St. Pierre-du-Bois, Guernsey, who, it will be remembered, generously devoted the Lenten offerings of his parish to our "Greatest of These" Fund. Forwarding a cheque for his "last instalment," Mr. Ozanne writes: "I hope to continue the practice of sending the Lenten Alms to you for many a year to come." At the same time, the rev. gentleman is anxious that his people, rather than himself, should have the credit. We thank them one and all.

Case of a Car.

In the dim and distant past, a certain reader bought an old Ford "for a very moderate figure." He has already paid in taxes half what it cost. The new £1 h.p. tax will cripple him altogether, he asserts, for he can't afford it and nobody will buy the car to pay £21 to run it. "Surely," he suggests, "the present tax of £6 6s. is quite enough for an old tin Lizzie." However that may be, he is probably too pessimistic. For any car that will go, as for any house to be let, the prospects are lovely.

Crowded Out.

Thus the Rev. Arthur Eglington, Vicar of St. Paul, Walworth: "I was very sorry to send your boy home from Sunday School this afternoon, but the fact is so few teachers turned up I was unable to cope with the numbers." The circular ends, "A word of apology is due from me to you for sending your boy home, especially as you were probably glad to get him out of the house for a bit." It is this last horribly selfish suggestion which a mother resents. Her boy, she says, is sent to Sunday School to learn his Scripture only!

So Helpful!

In their justifiable eagerness to assist the police to arrest "wanted" persons, some of our contemporaries are rather going out of their way to help the people for whom the force are searching. Percy Toplis, the man "wanted" in connection with the Andover motor car murder, was, for instance, the other day informed by an evening journal that "the police are paying particular attention to the vicinity of the Union Jack Club in Waterloo road," and that the club, together with Waterloo Station and environs, was surrounded by detectives. We wonder what Scotland Yard thinks of such disclosures of its plans.

Nasty Mail Orders.

A man seeking employment answered an advertisement offering an agency, and was disappointed and disgusted to receive in reply a batch of nasty circulars from an individual describing himself as F. H. Summers, of 31, Upper Russell Street, Brighton, and offering rubber goods and "real photos." This mail order business is nearly always fraudulent and unclean.

Pussyfoot Tyranny.

The American officials entrusted in administering Prohibition have just notified that it is illegal to transfer stores of liquor from a town to a country residence. On obtaining Government permission, the possessor of a bottle of whisky may move it "from one permanent home to another," but if he travels with it to the seaside, it will be confiscated. "Local Option" would lead to similar tyranny in Great Britain.

Down at the Docks.

Higher wages for dockers are having one result that is regrettable. Young and single men leave factories and workshops because they can earn more at the docks, and their labour is preferred to that of experienced hands who are getting on in years. The married man with a family, if he be over forty or so, has little chance at the docks nowadays. The position is hard upon the oldsters, and the Dockers' Union might well see into it.

British Officers Stranded.

British Army Officers at Shanghai, awaiting their passage home, can find no hotel accommodation worthy the name at less than $7 a day. For the first eight days of their stay they receive an allowance equal to $4.50; for the remaining period they receive $2.50. Neither Cox's nor any other Army agents are represented there. Consequently these officers have been unable to draw on their pay accounts and have been practically reduced to destitution. What Whitehall idiot is responsible?

American "Imagination."

Thus a concern formed to sing loud the praises of Yankeedom, the "America First" Publicity Association: "In many factories of the Old World, the employee is required without extra pay to give extra time to the 'boss.' He polishes the 'big man's' shoes, while the 'big man' sits in an easy chair and scans the paper." A new York correspondent assures us that this pestilent rubbish is actually believed by a section of the American workmen. The Yankee "swallow" must be added to the nine wonders of the world.

A Parson Protests.

Public attention has been focused by the inadequate relief offered to the clergy by the new Government Bill. A Wiltshire parson supplies a concrete illustration. Living in a house whose rateable value is only £32 per annum, our friend would in the ordinary way pay a Poor Rate of £16 a year, but because he is a clergyman he has to face a further demand of £204 per annum, this being the amount of the Poor Rate levied on the tithe rent charge which forms the principal part of his stipend. Half of this crushing impost is refunded by the Inland Revenue authorities, leaving him some £120 a year to pay out of his own pocket, a sum far in excess of the demand levied upon his wealthier neighbours.

The Woman Again.

Bath Education Committee has perpetrated the enormity of recommending a woman as School Attendance Officer, at £120 a year. Fortunately, the City Council has disagreed for the present, and has referred the matter back to the Committee, with the suggestion that a man be given the billet, and preferably that it goes to an ex-soldier. The Committee should take the hint.

Holidays.

This year it is at least probable that some, if not all, the privileges which attached to holiday travel tickets in pre-war days will be restored, through the Minister of Transport, by the Railway Companies. The holiday restrictions and fares have pressed less hardly on well-to-do folk than on poor people and professional folk of small income. The restoration of old privileges will at any rate do something to assuage restiveness.

"The Road to Ruin."

Quite recently, under the heading of "The Road to Ruin," we referred to two drapery firms at Cheltenham, who had prosecuted their sweated porters for pilfering. One of the firms, Cavendish House, Ltd., has just held its annual meeting. The report declares a dividend of 10 per cent., and claims that the business is one of the most successful in the country. Unfortunately our previous note upon it disclosed that that business failed in one of its first duties.

A Costly Faint.

We strongly advise our readers not to be taken ill at Hendon—that is, not if it means collapsing on the pavement. A local postman, thus seized, and carried by the ambulance to his home, four miles distant, has been favoured with an account for £1 from the Urban District Council. This, he is informed, is quite correct, the normal rate for such joy-rides being 5s. a mile. It is a monstrous imposition—practised, as we have shown, not only in Hendon—pressing with gross hardship upon the poor. Ambulances should be free.

The Two Dromios.

Our recent reference to "Mr. Weir, a Glasgow Shops Act Inspector," was, we regret, liable to be considered as a reflection upon Mr. David Weir, the only official of that surname holding office under the Glasgow authority. Our remarks were, in fact, intended to apply to Mr. William Weir, of Rutherglen, the misapprehension having arisen through the peculiar duplication of names and the fact that cases from that "Royal Burgh" are heard in Glasgow. Our criticisms are hereby transferred to the right Mr. Weir—whilst to the wrong one we offer our best apologies.

"For of Such——."

Our hope is that the result of the meeting at the Mansion House will go a long way to help the Alexandra Hospital in Bloomsbury to obtain the £50,000 needed to remove the tuberculous crippled children within its walls to the Caversham hills. "This," say the doctors, "is imperative and will be their salvation." Another object of the appeal is to provide 50 beds for soldiers and sailors suffering from the same terrible affliction—tubercular disease of the bones and joints—caused by exposure, etc., during the war. Will readers try what they can do to help?

A Bogus Representative.

A West Bromwich man has just been defrauded of 30s., in addition to the value of several days' accommodation, by a person calling himself a Captain, and giving a London address, who posed as a member and large shareholder of the well-known firm of Barratt's "Footshape" Boot Works, Northampton, and said he was about to open a local office for them. Barratt's have no knowledge of the man, and caution the public against him. *Verb. sap.*

The Deposit System.

The G.W.K. Motor Car Company, of Maidenhead, tell us—apropos of our recent paragraph in regard to orders for motor cars—that when, like every other manufacturer, they found themselves unable to deliver owing to causes beyond their control, they refunded by far the greater part of the deposits, retaining less than £1 per car. This fact, to which we have pleasure in giving publicity, certainly puts quite a different complexion on the matter.

Bawbee Dodgers.

Glasgow is abolishing halfpenny fares on the trams. It appears that not only are passengers carried a mile for a "bawbee," but the Glaswegians have developed the habit of getting short free rides, by boarding the car and alighting before the conductor has time to come down from the top. No wonder the idea of providing boxes in which passengers could drop their halfpennies if the conductor were on the roof has not commended itself to the "patrons"!

Wicked Wages.

A Sheffield man, 57 years of age and with a wife in delicate health, has gone to prison for four months. He was employed by Russell and Russell, piano dealers. His wages were £1 a week, 15s. when he sold a piano, and 3d. in the pound on sums collected. He earned, some weeks, as much as 27s. 6d. In these years of terrible prices he fell to temptation, and took some of his employers' money to sustain life for him and his. And Messrs. Russell are surprised. We are only sorry.

Why Prices are High.

We are interested in the remarks of a correspondent on the effect of control on the price of so essential a commodity as condensed milk. The manufacturer to-day pays 1s. 4d. per lb. wholesale for his sugar, as against a minimum of 10½d. charged to the public. In January, the manufacturer paid only 7d. Since then the price of a tin of condensed milk has been raised by 1½d., but the public is really getting it for 2d. less, as the increased sugar price adds 3½d. to the cost of each tin. A little bit of sugar for the humble sparrow!

Help France.

No part of France suffered more during the war than the Ardennes. Not content with fire, murder, outrage, destruction and theft, the Huns on their final retreat carried off the whole of the population. M. Marcel Braibant—the *Maire* of Herpy L'Arlesienne, in this ravaged district—has made the excellent suggestion that the best and most useful way to help these unfortunate people would be for English towns to "adopt" the ruined parishes and send what they need most urgently. Until the essential requirements of our Ally have been met, let there be no more talk of "helping Germany"!

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

This page is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities

To the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ridgeway, The Palace, Salisbury.

MY LORD BISHOP,—I notice your complaint as to the "intolerable condition" of the roads in your diocese, where in order to minister Confirmation you have to cover the ground from Calne in Wiltshire to Lyme Regis in Dorsetshire. The Rev. Vincent F. Ransome, Incumbent of Melbury Osmond, states that he has been licensed or beneficed in your Lordship's diocese for nearly 60 years, and that not for once in all that period has he been visited by his Bishop. On your own showing the diocese is too big for one man. Why not take an unselfish lead in reviving an old proposal to chop it into two portions? JOHN BULL.

To R. H. Whittington, Esq., Executive Officer, Bath Food Committee.

SIR,—It seems that you recently informed a discharged soldier at Bath that he could not have any sugar for making ice-cream—his business is that of a confectioner—because, forsooth, he had none in 1915! He was out in the mud and blood of Flanders in 1915, doing his best to ensure that snugly placed official and other peacable folk should never have to endure the brutal contact of the Hun. That was why he did not want the sugar in 1915. And it supplies the best of all reasons why he should have it now. JOHN BULL.

To the Manager, Bristol Tramways Company.

DEAR SIR,—Much as I deprecate violence, and especially the kind of violence which developed in the streets of Bristol during the past week, obviously the directorate of your Company has not played the game in continuing the services of the car women when so many men formerly with the Colours are out of employment. I am glad you have now appeased them by your undertaking to get rid of the women conductors as soon as ex-soldiers can be trained to fill their places. Better late than never, you know; but better never late.

JOHN BULL.

To J. J. Roper, Esq., Clerk, Bridport Board of Guardians.

SIR,—Please tell your employers that, although you have tried your best, you have not succeeded in excusing their conduct in the case of the blind basket-maker, Frank Pomeroy. In my opinion, you have entirely failed to meet the charges—viz., that they employed this poor fellow at a wage of less than 30s. a week, and when, like an earlier recipient of Bumble's tender attentions, he "asked for more," the Board turned him out to do the best he could for himself in the open market. To say the truth, you are no hand with the whitewash-brush. JOHN BULL.

To C. J. Honisett, Esq., J.P., Chairman, Battle Board of Guardians.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN,—I am sorry that you gentlemen have not seen your way to approve the suggestion of the Sussex Vagrancy Committee for the adoption of vagrant children. And what an amazing lot of rubbish you talked between you, to be sure! I hardly know whether to award the biscuit to the male Guardian who thought the humane treatment of these poor little waifs would "make paupers," or to the lady member who feared that it might "encourage the conduct of undesirable women." No wonder someone asked if the Board "were going to be kinder to their cattle than to these poor wretched waifs and strays of humanity." You have answered the question. JOHN BULL.

To R. Spencer Tyler, Esq., President, Weston-super-Mare Grocers' Association.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,—I see you are appealing to employers to set their houses in order and to start paying fair and proper wages. But I do not like your figures. You assert that workers up to 20 years old are only boys. Therefore you would pay a grocer's assistant aged 16, 10s. a week; at 18 you would give him 15s., and at 20 only 20s. And you want other shopkeepers to pay the same rates. How on earth you expect young fellows to exist on such miserly, beggarly salaries is a puzzle to me. Employers like yourself will have to enlarge your outlook. Otherwise these things will be forced upon you. JOHN BULL.

To Messrs. Grays, Chemists, Duke Street, St. James's, S.W.

SIRS,—According to evidence before the Westminster Profiteering Committee, a 4-oz. bottle of Epsom salts which you retailed at 2s. 6d. cost you 7d.—6d. being for the bottle and only a penny for the salts. At the hearing you disclosed an ingenious method of making the public pay—since the penn'orth of salts was ordered on prescription, you added "establishment charges," at the rate of 7s. 9d. an hour, for ten minutes. As the Chairman of the Committee pointed out, you were "exacting 1s. 3½d. for putting a pennyworth of salts in a bottle." You were ordered to refund 1s. 3d. If you are not very careful, the Committee may some day be quite rude to you. JOHN BULL.

To J. Turnbull, Esq., J.P., Chairman of Magistrates, Whitby.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN,—I associate myself with Mr. E. R. Turton, M.P., Chairman of the North Riding Quarter Sessions, in wondering why the Whitby Bench sent Hodgson to Sessions for trial for stealing some cattle cake from a ship. The Master admitted the man bore a good character—while he pleaded guilty in the words "It was done in haste, and I didn't think it was such a serious business as it is." In these circumstances, not only was there no reason why you and your colleagues should not deal with the case *instanter*, but every reason why you should. It was clearly one for a merciful view, as a first appearance; yet by remanding defendant to the Sessions you kept him in gaol from 31st Jan. to 8th April, when Mr. Turton properly discharged him. If this is the general practice at Whitby, sir, I suggest that you shall put an end to it. JOHN BULL.

To David Williams, Esq., O.B.E., Chief Constable, Cardiff.

DEAR "C. C.,"—You appear to be an admirable exponent of the way to do it. One day you confide to the Lord Mayor that you intend to resign; the next you go to the Watch Committee and tender your resignation; and within a few minutes they are either in such a bad tangle or such a good humour that they appear before you, cap in hand, to arrange with you to stay in their midst on your own exclusive terms. At 47 years of age, after 25 years' police service, you find yourself entitled to a retiring pension of £633; and as your present salary is £950 per annum, you deduct the one amount from the other and to all intents and purposes tell 'em that, rather than remain C.C. of Cardiff for £317 a year, you'll see 'em bothered. At the time of writing I haven't heard for how much you have got their hands in the air and yours into the pockets of the ratepayers, but I expect the proceeds to come into the category of a smart cop, anyway. JOHN BULL.

To Col. Vaux, Late in command of the Durham L.I.

DEAR COLONEL,—When you were in France with your boys, they were, for the first time, confronted by poison gas. Some stumbled some fell. You, standing on the parapet, told them not to run, but to sing a hymn. They sang "Abide With Me." And you say "That cloud of death passed away and not a man was hurt." Not for a moment would I doubt your word. But don't you think the wind changed?

JOHN BULL.

To the Right Hon. A. H. Illingworth, M.P., Postmaster General.

DEAR "P.M.G."—I have a complaint from a village postman, who—though employed, as he admits, in a "temporary" capacity—put in 26 years of service. Yet for the same duties this man and others of his class are receiving a much lower wage than the "regular" postmen, the precise figure in this particular district being 52s. a week. You will surely admit that there is a grievance here which calls for a remedy, apart from the injustice which assigns "temporary" rank to a man with nearly a lifetime's service. JOHN BULL.

To J. L. Tomlin, Esq., Mayor of Maidstone.

DEAR MR. MAYOR,—I am told that discharged soldiers have been parading the streets of Maidstone for the purpose of calling attention to their grievances, and I am sure the spectacle must have sorely distressed your sympathetic heart. Yet I gather that, while so many of these good fellows are out of work, the employment of women in the borough is, if anything, on the increase—the local tramways, for instance, being still mainly staffed by the gentler sex. May I suggest that the whole position should be reviewed, with the aim of removing the heavy disability that lies upon men who risked everything in the service of us all?

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Councillor Lewis, Brighton Town Council.

SIR,—When it was proposed that the Queen Mary Workshops for training disabled ex-soldiers should be allowed to remain in the Pavilion Grounds for not more than another two years, you took it on yourself to say that "Brighton was not a suitable place for such workshops. Brighton was too attractive for soldiers." Apart from the gratuitous slur you cast on men who fought for you, did it not occur to you that if it had not been for the Boys in Khaki and Blue, Brighton might not be enjoying its "attractiveness" to-day? I suppose you have not thought of proposing to ban ex-soldiers from your town altogether, even as visitors? JOHN BULL.

To Lady Beecham, Secretary Marriage Defence Council.

DEAR COUNTESS,—I see that you think "an appalling situation will be created" if the latest Divorce Law Reform Bill is passed into law, from which I infer your entire satisfaction with the existing system. However, as it happens, I have just received a pathetic communication from one of your sex who has suffered cruelly under the present law. Deserted nine years ago by her worthless husband, the poor creature has had a bitter struggle to maintain her three children, and now finds herself, as she says, "with the best years of her life gone," doomed to perpetual widowhood, although she does not know whether her husband is alive or dead. I have been trying to find words to comfort or console her, even to reconcile her to her sad position. Suppose *you* try.

JOHN BULL.

UNWANTED "PEARLS."

TOUTING NECKLETS THROUGH THE POST.

Another of those touts who send unsolicited articles through the post is William Smith, 15, Red Lion Square, London, W.C., who is distributing "choice Pearl Necklets" at the "low price" of 12s. 6d. A manifolded circular states that "your name was given me by a friend in business, that is one reason why I am trusting you with the necklet on approval." Recipients are graciously permitted to pay by instalments; and if they can induce three of their friends to purchase, they are promised a reward in the shape of a "free present" of a "handsome lady's" (!) watch. Our advice to sufferers who resent this impertinence is to do the parcel up carefully, and retain it until Smith either calls for it or forwards sufficient postage for its return—instead of sending it back by registered post, as he coolly requests.

FROM PILLAR TO POST.

HOW OUT-OF-WORKS FARE AT ST. PANCRAS.

After vainly seeking work for four months, a taxi-man living in the Euston district, was with two or three hundred other unemployed, promised help from the National Relief Fund. After a long wait, the queue reached a table, to be put through a catechism regarding family, pension, and so on. Then they were sent to Park Street, again to form in queue, and to receive a letter to take to St. Pancras Town Hall. There they got a form to fill up, to be returned the same day, and a notice to come back on Friday. On that day another queue and another long, weary wait, sometimes in the rain—for this went on for four weeks. Each Friday they were told "There is no money here," a heart-rending tale for poor men who, ashamed to look like beggars, had waited with their faces to the wall to avoid being recognised. The end of the story is even more distressing, for it takes the form of a letter from the Borough Council to the effect that, "having regard to the precise conditions laid down by the Government Committee, they regret they are precluded from making any grant to you." No wonder the victims bitterly complain. It is shameless officialism of the worst kind.

A MARTYRED NURSE.

SIX MONTHS' SALARY FOR A RUINED LIFE.

A poor girl employed as a probationer nurse by the Camberwell Guardians during the terrible "influenza" epidemic in the autumn of 1918, worked double tides—becoming very much run down in consequence, and contracting a troublesome cough. A holiday, if it could have been arranged, might have restored the ailing girl to her former robust health—instead of which, of all things in the world, she was retained in the "phthisical" ward, surrounded by patients in the last stages of consumption. Soon the tragic results were apparent. Invalided from duty, the nurse was herself discovered to be suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs, and to-day she is in a critical condition, undergoing a course of medical treatment which imposes a severe strain upon her parents' slender resources. How have the Camberwell Guardians met this challenge to their generosity? They paid the poor child her salary and the estimated value of her board and lodging for six months, which was the very least they were compelled by law to do; but beyond this they disclaim all responsibility whatever. A workman contracting an "industrial disease" is entitled to the full benefit of the Workmen's Compensation Act. Why should nurses receive less favourable treatment?

OUR HUNT FOR CHAMPIONS.

BY A. G. ("SMILER") HALES.

By the time this is in print, I shall be in Wales searching for talent. I have got quite a number of schools and agents going in the Midlands, and the JOHN BULL boom is in full blast. Never since the earliest days of boxing has such keen interest sprung up. At Dudley there is a splendid boxing hall, where good battles are carried out in a manner that cannot be beaten anywhere. The promoter is a giant of a man named Hughie Corbitt—no relation to ex-Champion Jim, though he is very useful in a mix-up. I think Jim Slater, JOHN BULL'S Boy, will have a match under Hughie Corbitt's management with a grand young "welter" named Whitehouse, for a side-stake and a purse, if he can make the weight demanded. If the "Boy" pulls himself down to eleven stone, then Whitehouse will give him a tussle he will remember as long as he lives—for this lad can fight like a demon, and when I bring him to London to the mammoth "J. B." Competition, he's going to make the best at his weight do some thinking. Down Leicester way, I have in hard training a heavyweight engine-driver—as tough a bit of "old oak" as ever was tested. His record certainly speaks him game—dead game. There is another long fellow, working in an iron foundry; his "boss," a well-known rugger player, is helping him like the real good sportsman he is—and as the tall chap has a pair of arms of enormous length and strength, and loves the game, he also may make Ring history. Anyway, JOHN BULL is giving the new blood a fair fighting chance. But they must come to me whenever possible; I cannot go poking about digging out talent like a boy groping for winkles with a pin. When aspirants write me, I wish they would "print" their names and addresses. The signatures of some of them seem to be made with their thumb-nails dipped in tar.

INSULTED VALOUR.

CRUEL VICTIMISATION OF GALLANT CANADIAN.

We have had to go back six years on the files of this journal for a record of the circumstances in which two young labourers at Heyshott, Sussex, home from Canada on a short holiday, were fined £3 by the Midhurst Magistrates for the terrible crime of shooting a pheasant. The episode has had a curious and amazing sequel. With the outbreak of war one of the men concerned, by name Percy West, joined the 9th Canadian Battalion, and before the end of 1914 was ensconced in training quarters on Salisbury Plain. By the following spring he was in the thick of the fighting in France, where the marksmanship that served him so ill at Midhurst a few months earlier stood him in excellent stead. But if the good fellow imagined that his wanton transgression of the English game laws was forgiven and forgotten, or that his service to King and Empire had wiped out the stain, he made a bad mistake. On demobilisation in September, 1919, after more than four years with the Colours, West decided to remain in this country for the comfort and support of his aged mother at Heyshott, and a month or two ago he was appointed official ratcatcher for the Midhurst Division under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919. By this time, however, the police were on his track, and as soon as it leaked out that this was the man who had shot Lord Cowdray's pheasant in February, 1914, poor West was dismissed from his job, and his maps, poisons and other paraphernalia confiscated as though he had been caught red-handed in some heinous crime. What comment can we add to this story of folly and oppression visited upon a devoted fellow-citizen from overseas?

SHARP'S SUPER-KREEM TOFFEE

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"Send the Kiddies willingly to School."

There seems to be something about the orange tin with the Parrot and the "Knut" upon it that has mighty big interest for children—see how they rush for it—see their radiant happy faces as they trot away with their mouths bulging. What brings such joy to the children might bring joy to *you*. Why not buy a tin of Super-Kreem and find out? There is no sweet more pure, more wholesome, more delicious or more nourishing.

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MORE ABOUT QUEENIE GERALD.

FROM PICCADILLY CIRCUS TO MADDOX STREET.

By Charles Palmer, M.P. (*Assistant Editor*).

"The woman in question occupies a flat at the address mentioned and certain complaints with regard to her have reached the police; but so far as can be ascertained, she is the only occupant, and there is no evidence to show that the flat is used as a brothel."

THAT was the reply I received the other day from the Home Secretary when, in the House of Commons, I asked what the police were doing in regard to the notorious woman Queenie Gerald, who now calls herself the Honourable Q. G. Gayner. How like a Home Secretary; how like an official answer! I asked whether the military authorities in London, as well as civilians, had complained. "Certain complaints" is the sort of reply I might have expected. Note this: I never suggested the Maddox Street flat was a brothel. I called it a "disorderly flat," where vice of a most decadent kind was practised, and Mr. Shortt tells me what I quite well knew, that "she is the only occupant of the flat." And what I also quite well believe is that disgusting orgies are held and horrible things practised there, and that the police seem powerless.

It is not a pleasant thing to deal with these kind of matters. There are those who think you are posing as a moral censor, and there are others who seem to resent as a personal affront any attempt to rid London of some of the cesspools of beastliness which are allowed to continue under the very noses of the police. And, strangely enough, when I put my question to the Home Secretary, I heard jeers from men of the Labour Party—from the one section of the House which might be expected to sympathise with my attempt to safeguard the daughters of the poorer classes, who are often made the victims of the filthy degeneracy which every decent man should be out to combat and to kill. I could not help recalling that one of the most ardent Labour leaders, the late Mr. Keir Hardie, with whom in politics I had no sympathy, was the very man who raised, in the House in 1913, the question of Queenie Gerald, and the significant screening of her name and those whom she served when she was leniently sentenced to two months' imprisonment. Let me tell the story with some fulness, if only because it will prove how careful the police and the Home Office should be not to give the smallest ground for the suspicion that the charges made in Parliament seven years ago were true in substance and in fact.

It will be remembered that Queenie Gerald was the defendant in a civil suit a few weeks ago, before Mr. Justice Bailhache, in the High Court. She admitted her past, and that she was now masquerading under a false name, yet not a word appeared in the public Press with the exception of the *National News*. It is a shameful thing to have to say, but someone has been "squared." When Queenie Gerald stood in the dock over the Piccadilly flat case there was no need to square the Press; the authorities saw to that. At Marlborough Street not only was her real name—her married name—suppressed with the assent of the Magistrate, but the inquiry was declared secret, and the reporters were told: "You fully understand you are here as a privilege." Can it be wondered at that the public were curious to know why this creature should be treated so specially?

Why was it? Because the police had found a ledger in which the alleged names of her clients and their payments were entered, and in that book were the names of men of the aristocracy and of M.P.s. She was first accused of being a procuress, and Mr. Travers Humphries, prosecuting on behalf of the police, held in his hand a number of letters which, he said, were those of persons involved. "Letters found on the premises made it clear," asserted Counsel, "that the accused was carrying on the trade of procuress." But she was never charged with that offence, and when the then Home Secretary was challenged to say why, he had the temerity to suggest that an experienced counsel was speaking only in a "colloquial sense, and, in any case, it was not a true statement." At the London Sessions, Mr. Lawrie, the Deputy Chairman, said "there was some evidence that Queenie Gerald had acted as a procuress." But the Home Secretary was equal to the occasion—Mr. Laurie was "incorrect on the facts of the case"!

Now we know that in 1913 this woman, who had pleaded "Not guilty" at the police court, admitted her guilt at the Sessions when the charge was confined to the lesser offence of keeping a disorderly house. Yet Counsel had actually read this letter:

> *Your friend wishing to meet a few Society ladies, I can arrange for three for Sunday. They are the real thing and frightfully expensive. Will you ask the Prince what he is prepared to give.*

Then there was a letter from a Sandhurst cadet who had written for a "virgin," and it was shown that a male creature named Morris, staying at the Ritz, was one of her touts who, to quote the late Labour leader, "haunted fashionable hotels to bait idle rich guests." When the Piccadilly flat was raided—all honour to the police for doing it—she took to the police station, in a hand-bag, £200 in gold and notes, and, according to the *Times*, she had a considerable quantity of what appeared to be extremely valuable jewellery. At the first hearing she was remanded without bail; at the second the Press were allowed to remain "as a privilege," and she was released on £1,500 bail. Later, as I stated in a previous article, she went to prison, and resumed her horrible business soon after regaining her liberty. *And she has continued it ever since!*

Now I have statements of responsible persons (and there are, too, sworn declarations in existence) as to the practices at the Maddox Street flat. It is not necessary for me to endorse the charge fearlessly made by the late Keir Hardie that there was then "a huge conspiracy afoot to defeat the ends of justice," or to deny the technical soundness of the then Home Secretary's contention that "the police have no power to enter a house of this kind unless they obtained a warrant," issued by a Magistrate upon evidence. Mr. Shortt tells me the police have had complaints but no evidence. What was the nature of those complaints? In 1913 the names of well-known persons were shielded by the Home Secretary—and in a sense quite rightly, because this woman may have wantonly introduced them into her books. And, of course, a charge of procuration could not have been advanced or sustained without calling the men who were supposed to be her aiders and abettors, she being the agent. But it is a curious thing that someone who has been in the Maddox Street flat within the last few months is prepared to swear that the photographs of some of the very men bearing the names found in her ledger and diary seven years ago were to be seen in her bedroom! Moreover, I have the statements of another witness who was a comparatively recent visitor to the flat. He, too, is prepared to give sworn testimony as to what he saw—episodes too horrible and revolting even to think about, much less print. During the war many young officers visited this place, and were charged heavily for the "privilege." Moreover, there is testimony to a certain girl named Violet, who was said to be "about 16 years of age."

Writing with a full sense of responsibility, I say that if the police had been given a free hand they should have had no difficulty in obtaining sufficient evidence to close down this iniquitous establishment—a flat, again to quote the late Labour leader, for the orgies of 1913 have been repeated—"decked with 16 dozen Arum lilies, with hot scented baths, whips and lashes, reminiscent of Oriental orgies." In the Piccadilly raid the police secured, in addition to letters—ledgers, cash books and diaries. They could have had no doubt as to the character of the operations carried on, and *I* have no doubt, from the statements made to me, that the disgraceful doings of Piccadilly Circus have been repeated at Maddox Street.

Let me say once more that my sole purpose in dealing with this latest development of the Queenie Gerald scandal is to protect the public and not persecute a woman, however disreputable her calling and her character. It might have been thought, after the evidence adduced seven years ago, that the police would have been instructed to keep a particularly watchful eye on the Maddox Street flat—where, by the way, the front door has on occasion been kept open by padlock to prevent anyone shutting it and thus check a rapid ingress to the flat above. But somehow this creature is fated to enjoy a special immunity. What is the good of making complaints to the police? If there is official laxity and indifference which proclaims to all the world that this type of establishment has little to fear even from complaints—"that there is no evidence to show," to quote Mr. Shortt's phrase—then I suppose one may give up any hope of cleansing London of these pest spots and of protecting our youth (the aged roué deserves no sympathy) from the polluting influence of sights and incidents which would make the most hardened man of the world sick with disgust and shame.

THE MAN, THE MIND, AND THE MONEY.

(An Article Describing How Many People are Increasing their Incomes.)

Prices and Sky Rockets.

"Heavens! How Prices are rising! They are going up like sky-rockets. When is it going to stop? At this rate unless I double my wages or salary or income I shall soon be worse off than I was years ago." Many readers are saying these things. That is why this article will interest them. It describes how many men and women are doubling and trebling their incomes, and doing this very rapidly. And any reader who wishes to follow their example can adopt the same method.

How I Made £1,000.

To increase their incomes by £1,000 a year would satisfy a good many readers. This is what one gentleman did. He is in business as an Importer. He followed the method referred to above, and as a result "in L.S.D. I benefit to the extent of £1,000 at least this year," he writes. And he adds, "This is not a boast, but a true business fact, and I can prove it."

Clerks and Cash.

Clerks, it is sometimes said, belong to an overcrowded and underpaid profession. But the work they do is indispensable and should be well rewarded. Wise employers know this and are ready to pay good money to good men. Here is a batch of letters from Clerks which proves this. "I have secured," writes the first, "a rise of £145 per annum." "I was recently elected from some hundreds of applicants," writes the second, "for a post at, roughly, double my previous salary." "My salary has increased by nearly 70 per cent.," writes the third. "I have more than trebled my income," writes the fourth. And hundreds of others say the same.

Rich Rewards.

How has this been done? How have these Clerks secured these advances? They all adopted the same method. It is an easy method. It is a simple method. It takes up very little time. It costs very little money, but those who follow it find that it immensely increases their efficiency. It gives them "push and go," Energy, Enterprise, Initiative and Originality. Let one of these clerks speak for himself. It has given me, he writes, "increased self-confidence, greater Interest Power, a Wider Outlook, Keener Mental Grasp, a more tenacious Memory, and the ability to do more work and better work with greater rapidity and less fatigue." No wonder he is getting on. These qualities are worth money in the business world. They increase your earning-power. Other readers can follow the example of these men and women. And they can begin now.

Traveller's Joy.

Commercial Travellers are notoriously shrewd. They know a real good thing when they see it. Here is what one of them says: "It has increased my selling abilities to such an extent that my sales are more than double what they were. It has filled me with Self-Confidence. I no longer have any hesitation in coming to a decision on important matters, and am continually bringing new ideas into my business methods." Decision—the power of originating new ideas, of getting out of the rut, of striking out on lines of one's own—valuable qualities all of these. This Commercial Traveller found out how valuable they were very quickly. They doubled his sales. He too followed the method adopted by the others. And full particulars of this method can now be obtained by readers of JOHN BULL, gratis and post free.

Selling the Goods.

Here is another letter which shows how this method develops "selling-power." It is from a salesman who writes, "I have received two appreciable advances since January last, and am now on the point of receiving a third on my next pay-day this month-end. Not only financially have I benefited, but also I have been promoted to first salesman. My employer said he always gave me the 'ticklish' jobs because they would always be done in time." In other words, he has won the reputation of being reliable. He delivers the goods—and sells them too.

Architect's Quadrupled Income.

And what about the Professions? Is the method which business men and women find so valuable of equal service to those engaged in the Professions? Undoubtedly it is. For here is an Architect who says, "Since I commenced your Course, my efficiency has vastly increased. My income has gone up 300 per cent." And here is another report from an Electrical Engineer. "I have benefited very greatly on the financial side," he writes, "having just recently received a rise in salary of £200 a year, bringing me up to £550, a figure undreamt of a year or so ago."

A First-Class Man.

Industrial workers are finding this method as useful to them as it is to business and professional men and women. "I have secured," writes an engineering Fitter, "that which I have realised in many day-dreams, becoming a real good Fitter, absolutely dependent upon my own ideas of working and accepting responsibilities which before I often used to shirk. I AM LOOKED UPON AS A FIRST-CLASS MAN."

—And First-Class Salaries.

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Qualities That Count.

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If a party to an ordinary law-suit makes a "bloomer"—that is to say, if he embarks upon legal action without just cause—he is in most cases suitably penalised by having to pay his opponent's costs. Not so that august entity, "the Crown." For instance, at the Tower Bridge Police Court the other day a glazier living at Southall was summoned for neglecting to pay his Income Tax. In reality it was all a mistake, as was afterwards proved to the entire satisfaction of the Magistrate. The unjust demand arose through the obliquity of vision of an Inland Revenue clerk, who mixed up the poor glazier's name with that of a far wealthier tax-payer who happened to stand next on his list. But, of course, it takes a long time to clear up this sort of thing in a police-court.

First the Magistrate, Mr. Waddy, adjourned the proceedings for a fortnight, entirely for the convenience of the Crown, it being only after two further adjournments that the Surveyor of Taxes could be persuaded to acknowledge the stupid blunder of his subordinate. Altogether the innocent glazier lost four days' work over the job, to say nothing of his railway fares from Southall—in consideration of which Mr. Waddy offered him the majestic sum of £1 1s. for "expenses." At the suggestion that this was a bit on the near side, the poor fellow was bundled out of Court, the Magistrate snappishly announcing that he would make no Order at all. Altogether the clerk's squint has cost the glazier about £4, not a penny of which he will now recover. Is it not grossly unfair?

"DOTHEBOYS HALL" AT WESTMINSTER.

SOLDIER'S ORPHAN'S HEALTH UNDERMINED AT ARMY SCHOOL.

In a recent issue we dealt at some length with the case of a boy who, leaving the Newport Market Army Training School, Greencoat Place, Westminster, arrived home "a bundle of rags," and in a neglected condition of health. Apparently this was no isolated case, our interest having since been enlisted on behalf of a poor child in North London, doubly orphaned by the war—his father having been killed in action, and his mother shortly afterwards succumbing to a disease brought on by T.N.T. poisoning. In this desolate plight, the lad was admitted to the Newport Market School, it being arranged that the whole of the Army pension payable should be assigned to the School authorities for his maintenance.

Fortunately, the orphan had an uncle and aunt who perceived that something was sadly undermining the boy's health. At length matters reached to such a pitch that the relatives made up their minds to procure the lad's discharge, and at any sacrifice to assume the full responsibility for his maintenance, aided by the Army pension. As a condition of release, the School officials demanded the payment of a fine, an agreement having apparently been entered into that the boy should remain until 14 years of age; but, in spite of all difficulties, the lad is now at home with his aunt and uncle, his health having greatly improved already, although not to such an extent as to conceal the evidences of former neglect. There is a strong case for inquiry into the management of the Newport Market Army School.

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INSULTS OF A COUNTESS WHO SHOULD BE KEPT IN COVENTRY.

Those who are blessed with high rank and an abundance of the world's goods have only themselves to blame if they foment Bolshevism by studied insolence to less fortunate people, especially ex-Service men. Among such creators of class-hatred is the Countess of Aylesford. An ex-soldier named Chator, who recently had the temerity to apply to this great lady for a post as under-gardener, received from her the following letter, which we reproduce with all its grammatical beauties:—

> Chater, the reference you send me of four months is no use; as you do not say what you were employed as, and unless you have a *longer* reference than four months, I would not think of taking you, nor should I give £2 0 0 a week, as those are the wages of a *head* gardener, and there are hundreds of those out of place and only *too glad* to come as under for the wages of an under man——Why did you leave—— 's farm, and what were you as there. There are so many absolutely useless men now, all the best having killed off in this dreadful war, that one does not feel inclined to bring any man on one's property unless they have *long* and *good* references.—From the Countess of Aylesford, Packington Hall, Coventry, March 27th.

From the Countess's exquisite courtesy in addressing Chater, to the innuendo that all ex-Service men are "absolutely useless" as all the best men have been "killed off," it is impossible to find a single redeeming feature—while the writer is evidently a believer in cheap labour. The Countess of Aylesford lives at Coventry. It is exactly the place in which most people would feel inclined to keep her.

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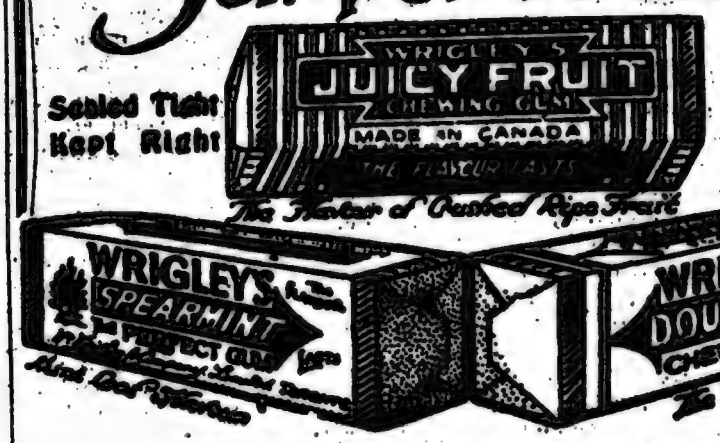

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Good Work for Pussyfooters.

If the Pussyfooters want to help the true cause of Temperance, there is work waiting for them in every large town. Many motormen and men going to new situations and others arriving late in the evenings find it very difficult to get suitable accommodation for the night. The average publican does not want this class of men, and the average temporary lodgings or "diggs" would drive an angel to "drink."—H. ANDREW, Silver Street, Wigan.

The Law and the Profits.

The recent epidemic of crime has been attributed to a general contempt for law on the part of ex-Service men. But what notice is taken of the general contempt for law shown by stay-at-home tradesmen who, on the day following the Budget *speech*, raised their prices above the maximum fixed by the law in force? The practical impossibility of a conviction under the Profiteering Act may explain, but does not excuse, their contempt.—J. A. GORDON LEASK, Brunswick Square, W.C.

Stranded Chorus Girls.

Could not the Actors' Union do something as regards lodging accommodation for the chorus girls who visit the provincial towns in connection with the various revues? These girls arrive with no lodgings to go to, and trapes the streets, often in the pouring rain, searching for lodgings without success. Only as recently as Easter, many of them had to take shelter at the police station, remaining there all night. This is a most deplorable state of things, and for the sake of the girls—many quite young and inexperienced—something should be done to remedy it.—F. STEPHENS, Melbourne Road, Leicester.

Why Always Whisky?

Why does the Chancellor of the Exchequer drag into every Budget the people who partake of an occasional "nip" of whisky? In 1914 the tax was 14s. 9d. per gallon; the present proposals bring it up to 72s. 6d. per gallon—an increase of nearly 500 per cent. Even if this grossly over-taxed commodity must bear a still greater portion of the national burden that it already does, why not an export duty? This would bring into the Treasury the money collected on exported whisky, and would also result in an increase in the quantity of whisky available for home consumption.—DAVID E. THOMAS, Bailey Street, Deri, Cardiff.

Dangerous Buildings.

The disaster at Liverpool some time ago, and now the calamity which occurred recently at Wolverhampton, call for *effective* legislation to prevent repetition. If a law enforcing periodical inspection and—where necessary—condemnation by experts, of old and unstable buildings, is already in force, it appears to be in need of considerable "speeding up." For the safety of the public, a clause embracing this matter might well be added to the present Rent Restrictions Act, and sharp penalties should be imposed on owners of dilapidated buildings should they fail to comply with its provisions.—G. HAMILTON HOPE, Windsor Lodge, Polegate.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. Frank Merchant.

School Attendance Officers.

In these difficult days it would be a great boon to mothers if the school authorities could send a qualified nurse to look up absent children, instead of the uniformed official who now calls—even after a doctor's note for exemption. The nurse could advise the mother and perhaps save the expense of a doctor's visit.—A. LLOYD, Platt Lane, Rusholme.

"Bowery" American Lingo.

When will film hire firms in this country realise that the British public is sick of the "trashy American slang" used in sub-titles and descriptive matters on the average "Yankee film" as shown at present? If we *must* have these films—I see no reason for it myself—let the "powers that be" first see that the "story" be translated from the original "Bowery" into decent English, more suited to civilised minds.—A. F. BANGS, Inverness Road, Brighton.

Government Office Maze.

It is a matter of great difficulty for ordinary citizens to find the right Government Department in Whitehall to deal with any matters they may have in hand. The unfortunate person seeking information is a kind of shuttlecock for our Civil Service mandarins. Why not erect in the neighbourhood a huge glass-covered notice board, inscribed with the names and addresses of all Government offices, the functions appertaining to each, and the hours of attendance for business? One about the size of JOHN BULL's record poster in the Strand might do!—FRANK MERCHANT, Beaumont Road, West Kensington.

Paupers' Pastimes.

It was stated in the Press a few days ago that card playing was to be allowed in a certain workhouse. Why not allow it in all? Surely a pauper has a right to be as happy as possible. A quiet game of whist, bridge or cribbage won't harm anyone, and being without money they certainly cannot gamble; while a pack of cards lasts a long time with care.—E. PECKHAM, Maxwell Road, S.W.

More Waste.

One of our Federation members has been issued with surgical boots which are supplied and repaired by the Pension Authorities. He had these boots repaired, applied to the Local Advisory Committee for payment, and was directed to appear for sanction of payment before the Medical Referee, who had to decide whether boots should be repaired. The cost of sending this man to the Medical Referee is 5s. Cannot something be done to stop this unnecessary waste of money?—GEORGE E. BLACKMAN (Labour Representative for the N.F.D.D.S. & S.), Shelley Avenue, Manor Park, E.

"Talk Down" Prices.

Prices since the beginning of the war have continued to rise and up to the present time are exceedingly high. This is partly due to the law of supply and demand, but *chiefly* to speculation in commodities owing to prices being continuously "talked higher." If newspapers and the public generally would, in Stock Exchange parlance, "talk prices lower," unnecessary and harmful speculation would soon cease, and prices would gradually fall.—V. CLEMENTSON, Wansbeck Gardens, West Hartlepool.

Ignorance of the Law.

Continually we see cases of children being sent to Industrial Schools, and as "Ignorance is no plea in Law," great care should be taken to instruct youngsters. There should be a card or small text-book with the laws concerning children, printed in a short, understandable form, so that they might know what acts *are* unlawful, the punishment for same printed in big type so as to be remembered. Parents and teachers should see that the children read and understand these.—(MRS.) E. CARTER, Harcourt Terrace, Dublin.

Yarmouth's Way.

Last week four steamers from Germany put into Yarmouth for cargoes of pickled herrings. Before being towed into the harbour they were compelled to lower the German flag, and whilst in port no member of the crew was allowed ashore except for fetching food and tallying in the cargo—even then they had to have a special permit. To make sure this is carried out, a detective or policeman was on duty on the quayside. A good example for other ports.—E. J. PEARSON, South Market Road, Gt. Yarmouth.

"Cheap" Female Labour.

When the question of wages arises, the unions are refusing to allow women to receive the same wage as men. The result is that many employers engage more female labour, because they can employ, in many cases, two women and *then* not pay them the wage of one man. If wages were equal for both sexes, there would be practically no unemployment on the male side, and the women could return to their pre-war occupations. Men should wake up to this fact, and, in their own interest, fight for an equal wage.—THOS. S. REEVES, Paddington Green, W.

Decontrol—and Prices!

During my dinner-hour stroll in the neighbourhood of Bermondsey, I came across a large and astonished crowd gazing in a butcher's shop window. The excitement was caused by the sight of three whole pigs hanging up. One onlooker remarked "It's a sure sign the control has been taken off. It's the first time for three years that I have seen any part of a pig other than the head." But when he asked the price per pound for a leg of pork, and found it was 8s. 6d., he walked away, exclaiming, "A look is still my share."—W. KITCHEN, Copenhagen Street, Islington.

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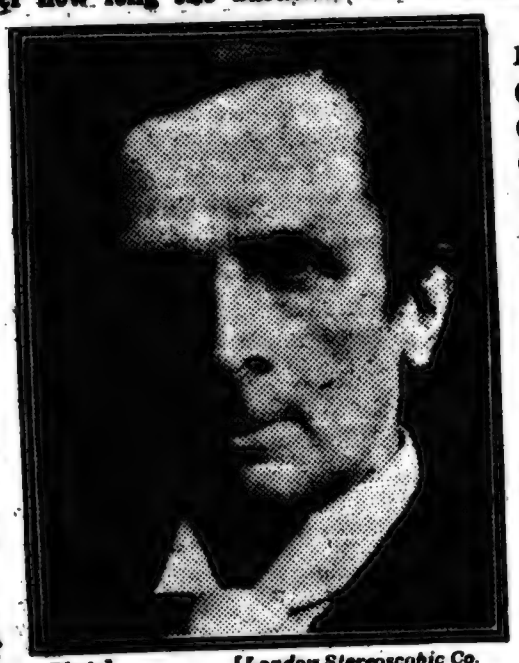

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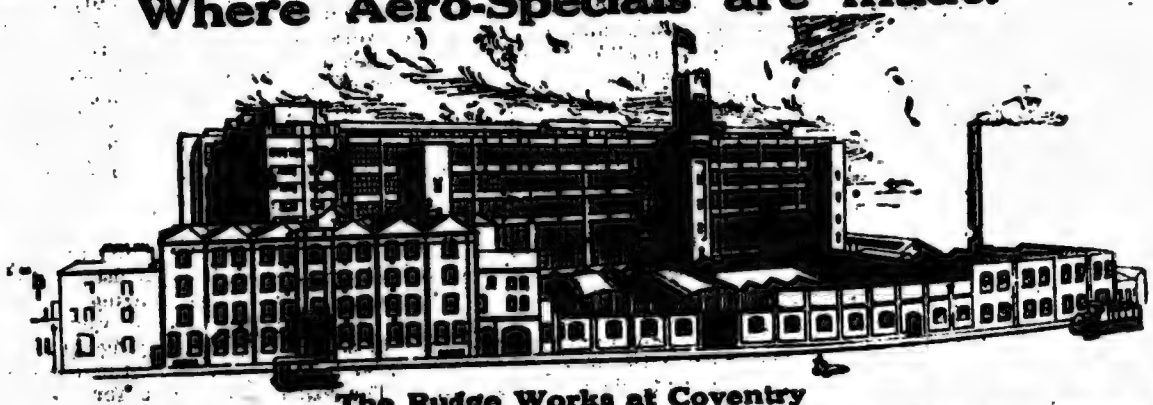

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The Marriage Certificate—A Hypocrite of th

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I HOPE I am not lacking in regard for the amenities of the House of Commons, and, above all, in that sense of chivalry due to its only woman Member, Viscountess Astor; but during her election campaign she made it abundantly clear that in entering political life she neither sought nor desired any special favouritism on account of her sex—she was going into a men's House of Commons to be one of them; and she fully realised that once she discarded the mantle of a private lady and became a public woman, she would render herself liable to the same criticism as that with which every politician has to contend. That was why, having told her constituents that she was all against Prohibition—and that whenever anybody attempted to prohibit her from anything, she desired it all the more, and having during the Debate in the House of Commons on Local Option stated that she "hoped the time will come when the working man will go dry," and that the measure under consideration "would ultimately lead to Prohibition"—the Press generally pilloried her for the obvious inconsistency. Personally, I set out the two declarations in parallel columns, and apparently one of my readers forwarded the paragraph to her Ladyship with a request for an explanation. I have before me the answer, dated 9th April, which he received. It is signed by "C. G. Briggs," in his capacity as "Secretary and Agent of the Plymouth Conservative and Unionist Association," and it says:—

> Many thanks for your cutting from some irresponsible paper, and the extract quoted therein does not in any way do justice to Lady Astor's declaration on that subject, neither at the election, nor in the House of Commons; nor yet should it be used to charge her with a change over of Pussyfootism. Her declaration *re* Prohibition, and denials to Pussyfootism, should be beyond question after the numerous repetitions that she has made on the subject. I am sorry that hostile Press and organisations so wilfully misapply her remarks.

This somewhat cryptic communication having been sent to me, I ventured to address the following letter to Mr. Briggs:—

> Mr. Henderson, who recently sent you a cutting from JOHN BULL, of which I enclose a duplicate, has sent me your reply of the 9th inst. Will you please tell me in what way we have done Lady Astor any injustice?

That letter is dated the 19th of April, but up to the present no reply has been vouchsafed. Probably Mr. Briggs has come to the conclusion that the paper from which the cutting was taken was not so very "irresponsible" after all! I mention this incident, however, not only for the purpose of emphasising the fact that Lady Astor, M.P., cannot claim to be immune from public criticism, but also as evidence, to use the mildest phrase applicable to the case, of inconsistency—if not of insincerity.

Divorce Law Reform.

And now I come to another matter—unfortunately with a personal touch in it—lending additional force to the same charge. On Wednesday, 14th April, a motion was submitted to the House of Commons in favour of giving legislative effect to the recommendations contained in the Majority Report of the Royal Commission on Divorce. This Report, it will be remembered, advised that in regard to divorce there should be sex equality and five new grounds for a decree—namely, desertion, cruelty, incurable insanity, habitual drunkenness, and the fact that sentence of death had been remitted. Lady Astor took part in the debate, and, in the course of her speech, used the following words: "In the Christian world it is the spiritual aspect of marriage that the law attempts to protect. . . . The spiritual idea of marriage, though started in the East, has been more highly developed in the West, and it is that which has lifted the Western women a little above their Eastern sisters. That is the difference between the East and the West. We must do nothing which will weaken it. . . . I am not convinced that making divorce very easy really makes marriage more happy, or makes happy marriages more possible. . . . *In America, where States have such easy divorce, I do not think that women have gained. . . . I beg the House, in thinking of this measure, to consider it from a large point of view, and not to dwell just on the miseries and inequalities.* . . . Shall we help women and children and men by making divorce easier? I think the world is too loose altogether. What we need is tightening up." Here, then, is our Lady Member's evangel. Marriage is essentially a spiritual institution, and the object of the law is to guard and preserve its sanctity. That is where the superiority of the Western world over the East comes in. There may be hard cases here and there, but Christianity demands that such hard cases should be endured; and America is actually cited as a warning against the futility of easy divorce. Therefore let us, instead of loosening our present marriage code, tighten it up. Of course there is nothing particularly novel in that view. It was propounded by other speakers in the course of the debate and is the conventional common-place sentiment of orthodox religionists—just as Prohibition and Local Option are the nostrums of the fanatical and narrow-minded "Social Reformers." Wherefore, as I say, in ordinary circumstances Lady Astor's views on the great problem of marriage and divorce would call for no more than a word of regret that she brings no hope or comfort to the thousands of her suffering sisters who are the victims of the present system. But now comes the startling and appalling fact that every word I have quoted must have been spoken "with her tongue in her cheek," and was indeed rank hypocrisy. For who, hearing or reading these words, would for a moment imagine that Lady Astor had herself taken advantage of the "easiness of divorce" prevailing in America? Turn your eye back to the words I have italicised—"In America, where States have such easy divorce, I do not think that women have gained." And yet such is the fact.

The Marriage Certificate.

I have before me a copy of her Ladyship's present marriage certificate. It is dated May 3rd, 1906, and records the marriage at All Soul's Church, in the Parish of Saint Mary-le-bone, of Waldorf Astor, Bachelor and Gentleman, of 28, Cavendish Square, with Nancy Witcher Langhorne Shaw, "single and unmarried—the marriage of the said Nancy Witcher Langhorne Shaw with Robert Gould Shaw, 2d, having been duly dissolved on the 3rd day of February, 1903, upon her Petition." Where, and why, and how do you think this divorce was obtained? Would you be surprised to hear it was in the State of Virginia—where marriage laws are admittedly more lax than in almost any other place on the face of the earth? And, remembering her Ladyship's protest in the House of Commons against introducing any new grounds for severing the marriage tie, will you be surprised when I tell you that the cause cited in her original petition was simply that of desertion—although, as I shall show you in a moment, *by arrangement between her and her husband*, further "statutory reasons"—that is, according to the law of Virginia—were at a later stage introduced? And, in what circumstances, do you think, the decree was obtained? I will tell you. It was when the Court was empty—neither Lady Astor nor her husband, nor his Counsel being present—the whole thing being rushed through in a few moments, amidst such secrecy and mystery as led to considerable comment at the time. Let me reproduce the report which appeared in the *New York Herald*—"The *Times* of America"—on 5th February, 1903:—

> *"Charlottesville, Virginia, Wednesday.—Secrecy which has attended the proceedings of the divorce suit of Mrs. N. W. L. Shaw against R. G. Shaw, of Boston, was maintained when the decree was entered to-day, and Mrs. Shaw was granted custody of the child. When there was no one in the Court House except the Court's officials and Mr. Daniel Harmon, representative for Mrs. Shaw, the Plaintiff, the matter was submitted, and the decree of divorce awarded. Mr. Herrick, Attorney for Robert Gould, was not present, nor was Mrs. Shaw. The latter, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Chiswell D. Langhorne, and her youngest sister, sailed Wednesday for Europe. At the beginning of the divorce proceedings, the single allegation upon which Mrs. Shaw*

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relied WAS *desertion, and it remained the only contention until after a conference in New York, in January, between the legal representatives of each family. Then divorce was sought on statutory grounds. All the circumstances point to willingness on the part of both parties to separation. Mr. Shaw went to Europe "to make things easy."* No *evidence of a demand for alimony is to be found in the papers in the case, and if one was made, and finally acceded to, it was in the nature of a private arrangement outside of Court.*

I say without any hesitation whatever, that this was a collusive divorce—such as would certainly not be possible in this country—and that every practicable step was taken to hush it up. And this is the "honourable and noble lady," an American by birth and a Peeress by marriage, who comes to the British House of Commons and dares to sermonise upon the spiritual aspect of the marriage tie and to protest against the slightest slackening of our laws of divorce! And listen to how she emphasised this attitude when speaking in the House: "Women's voice," she said, "ought to have a special value on the subject, because nothing else concerns them quite so intimately. *In my experience*, women want to preserve the dignity of marriage. . . . There are always tragic cases, but laws are made for the majority, and the minority very often has to suffer." I am no moralist and no purist. If Lady Astor's first marriage was an unhappy one, I congratulate her upon having got rid of her husband—but I want to see similar facilities, with due limitations, for unhappily married persons in this country—not only in the exalted spheres in which she moves, but equally in the humblest walks of life. But I do detest cant. That is what JOHN BULL has always been up against, and what it is up against in this particular case. Nor am I in any sense an enemy of female representation in Parliament—although I confess I would prefer plain, British-born Mrs. Smith to the most Noble Viscountess of American birth. After all, Lady Astor was the protagonist of a great experiment—and she has dismally failed.

A Hypocrite of the First Water.

I hate being rude to a woman, but my public duty compels me to denounce Lady Astor as a hypocrite of the first water—and, I think, in view of this revelation, her constituents and the House of Commons will endorse my view. Just reflect; one of the objects of the proposal before the House was to make desertion a cause for divorce—and desertion in a very true sense, extending over a long period. And although this was the very ground upon which Lady Astor instituted her own suit, not a syllable escaped her lips on the subject. On the contrary, with eyes upturned to Heaven—and in unctuous tones—she declaimed against tampering with the sanctity of the marriage vow upon this or any other of the grounds suggested. I wonder what could have been her inmost feelings as she stood there before the British House of Commons, hugging the fond but vain delusion that her own marriage antecedents were a long-forgotten secret! How she must have revelled in fooling her hearers—the Prime Minister, in his most mischievous mood, is not in it with her! It is a sad reflection that our first woman Member of Parliament should have inaugurated the new order of things in such discreditable circumstances, and I am afraid that the cause of Parliamentary equality between the sexes will be irretrievably damaged. And here let me quote this phrase from one of her Ladyship's speeches during the Plymouth election! "I know my election will be a test, and that according to how I behave myself in the House of Commons will future women candidates be judged." That was surely, a most unhappy utterance—which has speedily come home with the force of a boomerang. Well, what is to be done? The House of Commons is the most human and tolerant assembly in the world, but it has a strong objection to being fooled. In more than one respect, Lady Astor has already flouted its best traditions, though the facts I now reveal will come as a final shock to members of all Parties. The next move is with her Ladyship. It is due both to herself and the House that she should volunteer some explanation. Failing her doing so, every one of her fellow-members will be placed in a position of considerable embarrassment, whilst her constituents will naturally demand an immediate effort on her part of vindication. I therefore call upon her Ladyship to avail herself, without delay, of the privilege which the House of Commons always extends in such circumstances to a Member, and to tender a personal explanation.

A Word with "Burke."

But there is yet another point to be cleared up. On reference to *Burke's Peerage, Who's Who, Whitaker's Peerage*, and other standard books of reference, I find Lady Astor in each case described as "the widow of the late Robert Gould Shaw"—the following being typical of the particulars—of course since the compilation of these volumes Lady Astor's present husband has succeeded to the title.

> *Astor, Hon. Waldorf, M.P.* (C.), *Plymouth, since* 1911, *Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board since* 1919; *owner of the* "OBSERVER"; *eldest son of* 1*st Viscount Astor; born* 19*th May*, 1879; MARRIED 1906, NANCY WITCHER, *daughter of Chiswell Dabney Langhorne, Mirador, Greenwood, Virginia, and* WIDOW OF ROBERT GOULD SHAW.

Now everyone knows that the information on which these particulars were based was of necessity supplied by Lady Astor herself or on her behalf, and of course accepted in good faith by the publications in question. *Yet it is the fact that Mr. Robert Gould Shaw is still alive in New York*, and is a member of the Brook Club, in that city. What right, therefore, has Lady Astor to describe herself in these semi-official volumes as a "widow"? No doubt, after this revelation the entries will be duly corrected in the next editions. And there for the moment, I leave the subject. My task has been a painful and a delicate one, but it has been forced upon me by Lady Astor herself—and it may interest her to know that every Member of the House whom I have consulted—and I have consulted many before writing this article—has approved of my action. My only regret is that, with the single exception of the *National News*, no other journal has dared even to hint at what I have now very reluctantly disclosed. There will, of course, be some who will blame me. But it is the rôle of this journal to draw aside the veil in whatever form it cloaks hypocrisy in public life.

The Poor and the Rich.

And I confess I feel very strongly on this particular matter. Week after week, month after month I have brought before me cases of cruel and heartrending hardship due to the operation of the existing Divorce Laws, and I have always used my voice and pen in favour of humanising them. Indeed, when previously in Parliament I myself introduced a Bill somewhat on the lines of the recommendations of the Royal Commission; and but for a public engagement in Shropshire when the matter recently came before the House, I should have been there to support the motion already referred to. Certainly I should have gone into the Division Lobby in favour of it. As it was, an adverse vote was recorded, and I cannot help feeling that many Members must have been influenced by the specious pleading of the only Lady Member of the House—who did not fail to emphasise the fact that the question was one mainly affecting the happiness of women and children, and otherwise to play upon the sentiment and sympathies of her hearers. Now we know that her earnest pleading and emotion were camouflage; and I have reason to know that many Members who listened to, and were influenced by them, and who have since become aware to some extent of the things I have revealed, are full of indignation. Whether they will stand by me now that I have turned the searchlight of Truth upon Plymouth's member, I cannot say; nor do I care. I have done my duty—not, as I have already explained, in the rôle of moralist—to which I make no claim—but as one jealous of the honour of Parliament, and, at the same time, deeply interested in the removal of the great social tyranny of which Lady Astor herself has in days past been the victim, although she denies to others the liberty she found so easy and convenient.

IN THE BARBER'S CHAIR.

Mr. JOHN LEWIS.

'Mornin', sir. 'Air cuttin' ? . . . S'nice day. You'll hexcuse me, sir, but as I see you in the glarss you bears a *strikin'* resemblance to . . . Eh ? *Don't talk to you about strikin'* ? I'm afraid I don't unnerstan' jew, sir. I was merely about to remark as I was *struck* by your likeness to- . . . Eh ? *'Ave I struck too ?* I don't foller you, sir. I sed as I *was* struck, not as I *'ave* struck. I meanter say, you're very much like thet elderly gen'l'man 'oo's picsher's bin in the papers lately—Mr. John Lewis, the celebrated draper of Oxford Street. . . . Eh ? *It's bin noticed before*, as it ? . . . And *there's very good grounds for it*, is there ? Wot may they be, may I awsk ? . . . Oh, you *are* Mr. Lewis ! Well, well ! I'm glad you've dropped in, sir. P'raps a few words from me'll persuade you to do the right thing towards your "young men an' maidens" wotter out on strike . . .

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In the first place, let me tell you, mister, you've taken up a silly, not ter say childish, hattitude towards your assistants. You seem to forgit wot times we're livin' in. These ain't the good ole days w'en shop-keepers 'ad very nearly the power o' life an' death over their apprentices an' assistants. They're intitled to the parlyment'ry vote—the young fellers o' twenty-one an' the wimmin o' thirty are, anyway. You can't keep British citizens boxed up from nine o'clock in the mornin' to six o'clock at night without causin' discontent. As a matter o' fac' you 'aven't got no right to. S'pose you *do* give 'em an hour for dinner ; well, I don't suppose they 'as so many courses thet it takes 'em an hour to git through 'em. Very well, then. I dessay most of 'em git through their grub in twenty minutes. Thet leaves 'em forty minutes on their 'ands. Well, w'y shouldn't they run out for a breath o' fresh air jurin' thet time ? They'd work all the better for it w'en they come back. But p'raps you're afraid some o' 'em *wouldn't* come back ? Is thet it ? If so, I dessay it's you're own fault. If they're treated proper, an' like free 'uman bein's, they wouldn't leave a good job unless they gotter a better one. Any'ow, it's a narsty reflection on 'em not to let 'em out jurin' their feedin' time ; and, as you've found out, modern young men an' women ain't a-goin' to put up with it. So you'd do well to do the 'ansome an' give way to 'em. . . . *You'll never give in ?* Thet's silly. There comes a time in everybody's life w'en they've *gotter* give in, an' there ain't no disgrace to it. Then I don't reckon you're right in forbiddin' 'em to join their Union. Everybody belongs to a Union o' some sort nowadays. I dessay even drapers have their Association. I don't know w'ether you belong to one or not. But 'ow would you like it if somebody was to *forbid* you to join one ? Wouldn't it put your back up ? Well, put yourself in the place o' your young men an' maidens, as you call 'em—although, I understand, there's some married wimmin among 'em. . . . You've *a good mind to sack the lot ?* Now then, now then, Mr. *Hadmiral* Fisher Lewis, don't try to make out as you're sich a 'ard man as all thet. You're obstinate, w'ich orften is an old man's complaint. But I reckon you're good sense'll prevail. Jest think o' your old Radical days, Mr. Lewis, w'en you once, I believe, went to prison for a Liberal principle. Don't let your crusted Toryism o' to-day blind you to the justness o' your employees' demands. . . . Will thet do, sir ? . . . Thank you, sir. Goo'-day.

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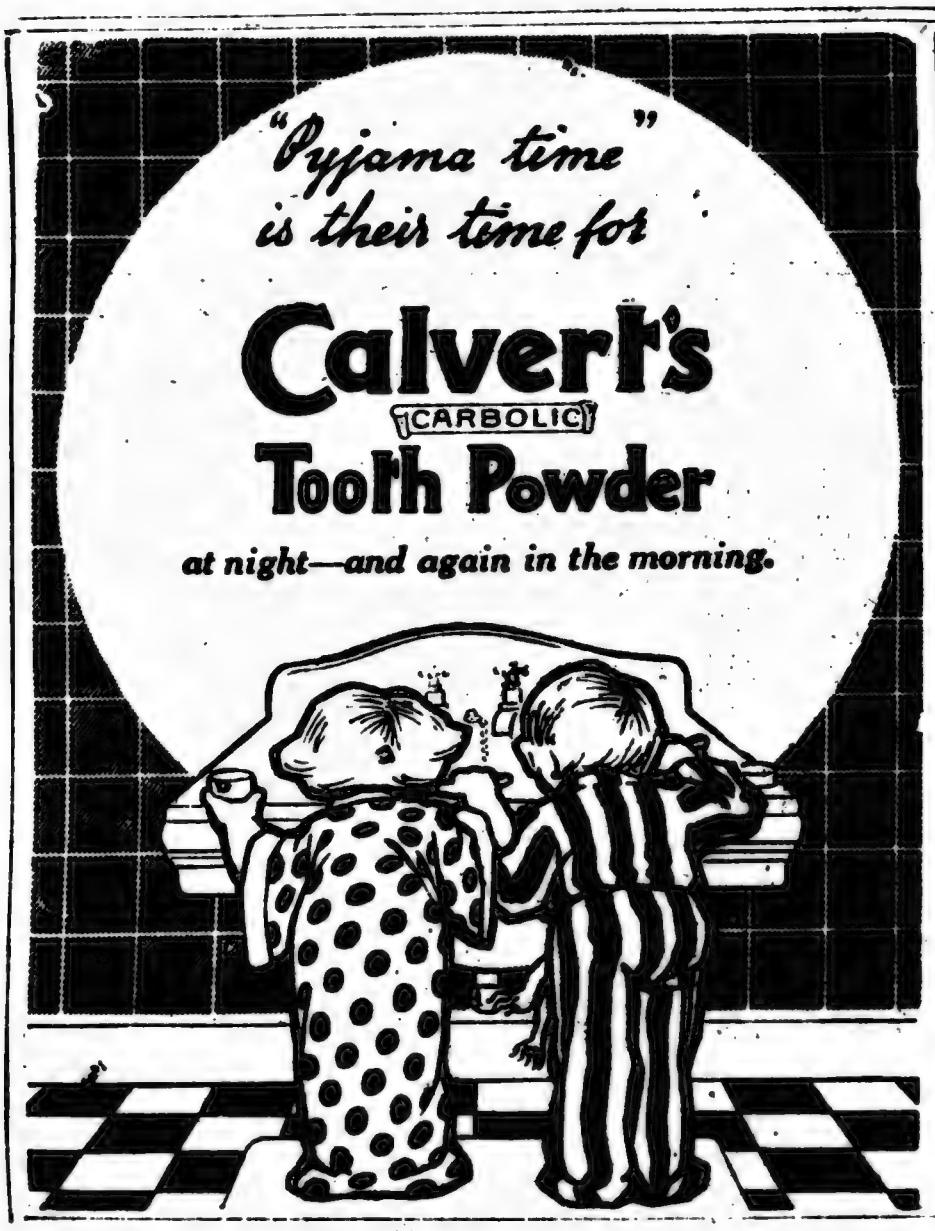

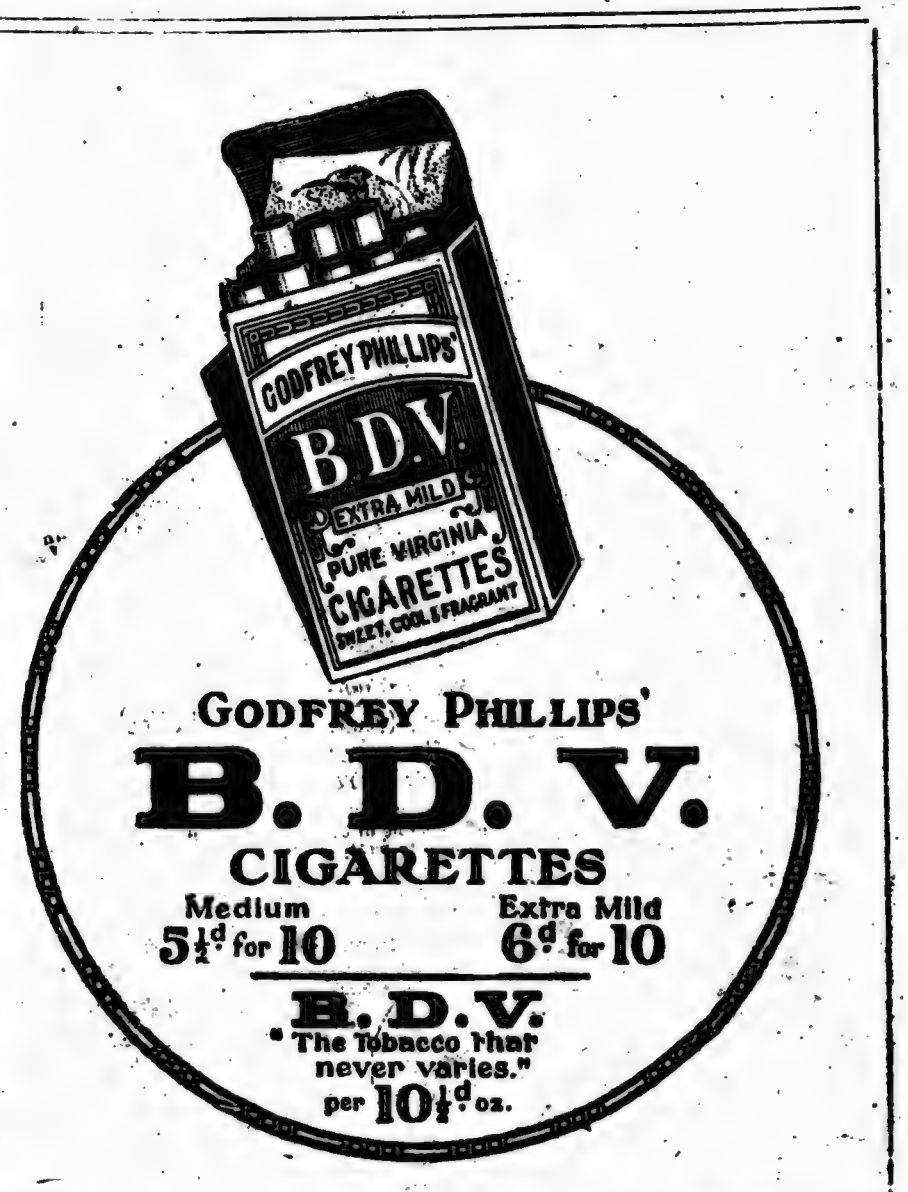

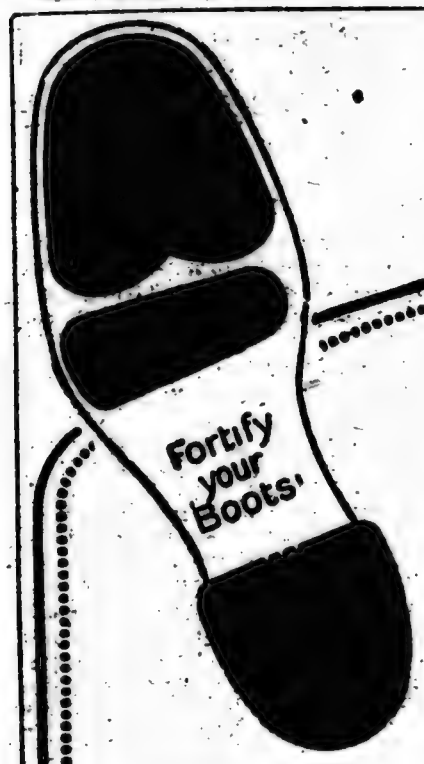

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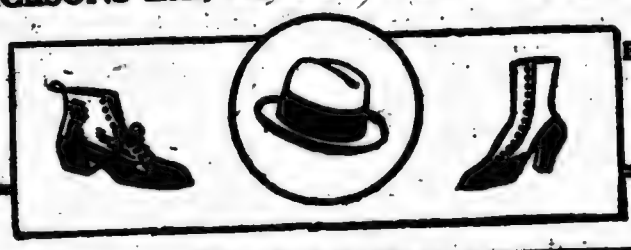

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JOHN BULL AT PLAY.

RACING, FOOTBALL, BOXING AND OTHER SPORTING NOTES.

RACING.

Tetratema in the Two Thousand Guineas was a triumph for intelligent deduction and the British public. There was no sense in accepting his Newbury defeat by Silvern at its face value, with so much to show it was wrong if you looked below the surface for it. For ourselves we like to examine things in their entirety, and there was never any doubt in our minds that Tetratema would have his revenge on Silvern. While a lot of the professionals wouldn't look at the grey, swearing he was just a sprinter, the general public waded in without any such fears, and helped themselves liberally.

With regard to the Derby, there is a strong disposition to lay against Tetratema on the score of stamina. It looks stupid to us, seeing that he won the Guineas by staying, and would, in our opinion, have won it more easily had the "going" been of the kind we may expect.

His owner is well on Allenby for the Derby at handsome odds. Prince Galahad, in the same stable as Tetratema, should be left alone for the present. Of the fresh-comers for the Epsom classic, Sarchedon is, we understand, the same wilful untrustworthy of last year, although a good 'un otherwise. Gilpin has a third string in Golden Guinea, a Polymelus colt bred to stay on his dam's side. There are indeed great possibilities about Golden Guinea just as there are about Charlebelle, who was terrifically fast last year and game. If she stays, Mr. Cunliffe may be tempted to have a cut in with the daughter of Charles O'Malley. But, altogether, we are still all for Tetratema.

Two big handicaps this week are the Chester Cup and the Kempton Park "Jubilee." Now that Chat Tor is gone and the handicapper is out of his trouble, the Manton stable has to rely on Elsinore, who was far from disgraced in the "City and Sub." Then Celandine has a remarkably flattering chance for the long distance handicap on the Roodee. She has been found to stay well, and made a capital fight of it with Ivanhoe at Newbury on 7 lb. worse terms than prevail here. Ivanhoe, unplaced last year, did not seem to be at all well adapted to the course, being too big for its twists and turns.

We shall stand Ugly Duckling for the Kempton Park "Jubilee," as Arion gets no better in his wind and Perion was smashed up by the Midshipmite at Newmarket. Tangiers and Fancy Man are a dangerous pair, but, whatever else runs, we rely on Ugly Duckling. N. Spear rides him with a bit of overweight, probably no more than a pound. Should anything prevent Mr. Lowry's horse going to the post (the owner finding himself forestalled as at Lincoln), we should fall back on Tangiers, who, we learn, has improved a lot since coming under R. C. Dawson's charge at Whatcombe, and is genuinely expected to account himself well. The son of Cylgad has a lot of excellent form to recommend him. He holds Perion harmless on the book.

The May part of that indispensable guide to the sportsman, *McCall's Racing Chronicle*, containing full racing returns up to the end of April, will be issued by the Odhams Press Ltd., Long Acre, on Saturday, price 1s. Orders should be placed without delay.

RESULT OF CUP FINAL COMPETITION.

In the above Competition six competitors succeeded in sending the correct result of the Cup Final between Aston Villa and Huddersfield, and also the correct figures of the attendance, namely, 50,018.

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YACHTING.

Apropos of the gushful stuff being served up in regard to the America Cup, we are reminded by an ardent reader of Boston (Mass.) that we hear all too little of the past successes of English yachts in American waters. Our correspondent refers to 1894, when a fleet of fast American sloops and schooners had a race among themselves for the Puritan Cup, and an English cutter, the *Fife*, 46-footer, sailing over the same course at the same time, beat the American winner by 15 minutes. As the official winner of that race was none other than the famous *Mayflower*, the defender of the America Cup, we agree with our correspondent that Uncle Sam should not have all the crowing to himself.

WEEK'S RACING SELECTIONS.

CHESTER—WEDNESDAY.
Badminton Plate.—*ELEANOR B.
Chester Cup.—CELANDINE.
Stewards' Cup.—DOUBLE BED.
Stamford Plate.—BAYONNE.

CHESTER—THURSDAY.
Great Cheshire Stakes.—RICH GIFT.
Dee Stakes.—*VALKYRIAN.
Earl of Chester's Welter.—HIGH SOCIETY.

KEMPTON PARK—FRIDAY.
Prince of Wales' Stakes.—*8TH DIVISION.
Stewards' Handicap.—PTAH.
Waldegrave Handicap—WILDFELLOW.

KEMPTON PARK—SATURDAY.
Shepperton Handicap.—NETTLER.
Kempton "Jubilee" Stakes.—UGLY DUCKLING or TANGIERS.
Spelthorne Plate—PLYMOUTH ROCK.
River Handicap.—*FERNLEY.

BOXING.

The Billy Wells-Joe Beckett clash may provide us with some rare thrills; it is one of those matches in which anything may happen. Carpentier's cable to Wells was more in the way of a business advertisement for Carpentier than a help to the Bombardier.

As far as the advice on "how to whip Beckett" is concerned, that was piffle. Wells knows as much—or more than—the Frenchman. His trouble is that on certain critical occasions he loses control of himself and cannot put in practice what he knows.

Carpentier is now said to be going to fight Dempsey at Monte Carlo. He would fight the Champion of America in the "moon." The two gladiators and their astute managers seem to understand each other very well.

The JOHN BULL London Tournament is still kept back because negotiations for a suitable hall have not yet come to a head. The scheme is such a big one that it must not be spoilt by rushing things. More than one World's Champion may make his *début* at the show—which it is intended to make the best and biggest London has ever seen.

The Goddard-Moran mix-up ought to be a terrific hitting bout, if both men let themselves go—but if each fights on the waiting principle, as both have so often done, it will simply be tiresome.

Boy McCormie, who wiped the floor with fourteen American sloggers in succession, is still in our midst. He kept our flag flying bravely in Yankeeland. What's the matter with matching him with Journée, the giant Frenchman?

LAWN TENNIS.

It will require some grit, but the Lawn Tennis Association will have to take firm measures with tournament players who indulge in "umpire-baiting," and fail otherwise to observe the etiquette of the game.

America is sending over a very hot team for the Championships and the Davis Cup ties. In regard to the latter, surely the L.T.A. should consider Roehampton as a venue if the Wimbledon Courts are too much worn after the Championships. Recent lawn tennis innovations at Roehampton are so immense as to render it rather a pity that their offer to make it the National ground was rejected.

WALKING.

Hearty congratulations to Harold Rhodes, the winner of the first Stock Exchange Brighton Race to be held since the fatal 1914. He had great physical difficulties to overcome, having injured his foot by jumping on a spike whilst cross-country running, and was also suffering from a sprained leg muscle. We were glad to observe that his club-mate, Culling, in both the "Surrey" and the "Centurions"—the latter an *élite* body composed of men who have walked over a hundred miles in a day—showed up so prominently in the early stages. He, like Rhodes, "did his bit" during the war, but is not so rapidly getting back to his old form. Both, by the way, are members of the "old brigade."

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"TOMMY."

War Service in Ireland:—The North Staffords, who are on The Curragh in Ireland, have several grouses—including the holding back of Christmas leave last year, and a shortage of rations. And the latter notwithstanding that Ireland is the one country in the world at present that is "flowing with milk and honey."

Tommy-Bobbies:—Other soldiers in Ireland tell us that, though detailed to help the Constabulary, the usual routine of the Army is maintained. After their police duties they fall in for various drills that they were perfect in years ago. In fact, as some of them say, officers put them through exercises that they themselves could have taught the two and three-pip mandarins before they were gazetted to the Service.

Oliver Twists:— Who will undertake the adequate feeding of the Staff Wing Company of the Machine Gun Corps at Seaford? At present they are hard worked and very hungry, and complain that the Orderly Officer—the fellow who goes around at meal-time and asks for complaints—is seldom to be seen.

Our Money:—Last week Mr. Charles Palmer asked the War Secretary how many shekels of the taxpayers' money were spent on cables from the War Office in London to India begging for statements of pay due to men from the great dependency who have arrived here, usually in financial distress owing to the slackness in the India Pay Offices. The reply was to the effect that the cable was used when necessary. Heaven and earth! Surely the Financial Department of the War Office could say within a pound or two how much is spent on those cables? Our own information is to the effect that the sum runs well into thousands of pounds—all owing to Indian inefficiency.

"JACK."

These Profits:—Recently we told Jack that he was in error when he refused £150,000 out of the Canteen profiteer—money filched from him and Tommy. We suggested that he should reconsider the matter, accept the money, and hand it over to Naval charities. Our idea has caught on, and the Fleet is about to have the matter reopened.

Bounty Money:—The Accountant-General to the Navy is now prepared to issue the bounty money due to the officers and crews of H.M.S. *Valorous* and *Vancouver* for the destruction of the Bolshevik submarine *Ersh* on July 27th, 1919. Demobilised claimants should write to the Accountant-General, Whitehall.

The Prize Money:—Since we published the regulations concerning prize money, we have had an avalanche of letters from ex-bluejackets who want to know how to apply for it. As we indicated, all men now serving will get the "brass" through their ships, and all men discharged will get it through the Accountant General to the Navy—if they apply to him.

Our Daily "Thank You."

From A. C., Norwich.

Many thanks for your prompt reply. I am glad to say that the Industrial Training Department bucked up wonderfully quickly after your letter, for which I am indebted to you. Three days after I wrote to you I was sent for to have an interview, and now I am glad to state that I am in a good situation.

"THE SILVER BADGERS."

Secretaries of Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' organisations, in sending cases of injustice or other information, should mark their envelopes "Silver Badgers."

Starved by the Powers:—A Badger in Reading was granted a sum from the King's Fund and opened a small shop for the sale of gramophones and other articles. The shop did not go well, and the man attempted to establish himself in Newbury Market Place. He was, however, hunted away by the local authorities—the Town Clerk explaining that "the Market Place, though large, is limited," and that the police are up against obstructions. So the poor fellow has had to go back to his shop to pray for customers and watch his stock deteriorating.

Victim of a Blunder:—In 1916 a Volunteer soldier was sent to France, where he took his place in the firing line immediately. When he was actually fighting, he was publicly advertised in Leicester as an absentee. His wife proved to the authorities that he was at the Front, but his name was kept up for some weeks. He is home now and has a shop in Welford Road, Leicester, but is more or less boycotted, owing to the cruel and inexcusable blunder. We appeal to the authorities to issue to the man a "clean bill of health," and to the people of the district to give him their custom.

Not the King's Way:—We feel inclined to pillory civilian employers who refuse to take on ex-soldiers, or who, where reduction of staff is necessary, dismiss the Service man and keep the shirker. But what must we think of the Army Departments that act in the same way? The latest instance before us comes from one of the local training camps of the R.A.F. in Lincolnshire, where a number of ex-Service men have been dismissed and placed on the unemployed list, though others who never wore uniform are retained. Is not the appeal of His Majesty the King to be taken seriously?

"The Greatest of These—"

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

Victim of Circumstances:—A woman has a husband and son, both of whom were wounded in the war and cannot obtain work. She has four young children—one of them seriously ill, and she herself is awaiting admission to hospital.

Gone Under:—A discharged soldier, with a wife and a delicate child, has had to sell practically all the home for food, as he cannot find employment. The poor little family are sleeping on the floor—as their bedding has been pawned.

Badly Off:—An ex-soldier is also out of work. He has a pension of 18s. a week to provide for everything. Bad enough, heaven knows; but now, to make matters worse, his wife has been confined. Could a worse case be conceived?

In Danger:—An ex-soldier was in danger of gaol, owing to unpaid rates—to say nothing of rent. He cannot find a job, although he is a genuine tryer. There are two sisters to keep—one of whom is blind.

Once a Boxing Star:—An ex-soldier was some few years ago a noted boxer. He is now partially paralysed, has a wife and five children, and is about to enter hospital.

A Sad Case:—A man is in the last stages of consumption. His wife struggles hard and earns 10s. a week, with which to keep also four little kiddies. No other income comes into the house.

As it is Now:—An ex-soldier called upon us. His only income is his pension of £1 a week, out of which he pays rent, etc., and keeps the family—including his mother. There are, in addition, two young children who have appeti[te]

MUST WE SAY "NO"?

(A case typical of the many of distress and hardship which have been relieved by our Fund during the week.)

"There is no sadder sight anywhere," said Canning, "than that of an able-bodied man searching diligently for work, yet unable to find it." Sad, indeed, and saddest of all, perhaps, when the unemployed citizen is a father. Such is the case of a poor fellow at Wimbledon who since last September, following his discharge from the Army, has hunted high and low for work with only the most casual success. Though formerly employed as a clerk, and none the stronger physically for a spell of rigorous soldiering in East Africa, he is willing to turn his hand to any kind of honest labour; he finds, however, that while the market for clerical labour is overcrowded, employers for the most part are shy of a man who has used no heavier tool than a pen. The rifle, apparently does not count. So the little home at Wimbledon is the scene of tragedy. The wife, in a critical state of health, is waiting for a bed in St. Thomas's Hospital, and until the aid of our "Greatest of These" Fund was invoked there was not a penny to help provide the bare necessaries of her situation. Nor is hers the only need. His clothes reduced to rags, the ex-soldier is still further handicapped in his search for employment; while the children are so poorly clad that they cannot be sent to school. Consequently, as is natural, debt is accumulating—while a growing collection of pawn-tickets and other grim evidence of poverty herald the final break-up of what was once as happy and contented a home as any in the land. We never encounter a case of this kind without wishing that the state of our Fund would allow a tenfold increase of such assistance as we are able to afford. The need is so great, the response at times so much less than sad occasion demands!

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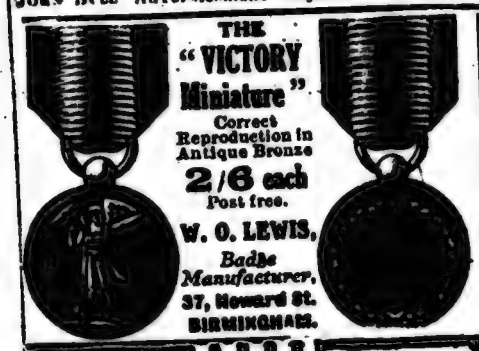

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Fall in Securities.

Last month on the Stock Exchange was as dismal as the weather, and statistics compiled by the *Banker's Magazine* show that the valuation of 387 representative securities dropped as much as £147,000,000, or over 5 per cent. Every section suffered to a greater or less extent owing to dearer money and the advance in the Bank rate. In some of the more speculative groups the fall was accentuated by forced liquidation on a rather large scale, but this has now come to an end and everyone is now hoping that the merry month of May will live up to its reputation.

Consols Depreciation.

Here are extracts from a letter typical of a great many which I receive:—

"I was very pleased to see your article on 'The Encouragement of Thrift,' but for myself I cannot see where the encouragement lies. The Government offers 2½ per cent. for people's money, and I think that whatever amount one pays into the P.O., the same ought to be paid out when required at the same market price as when it was put in, so that after a poor man has saved up a few pounds he ought to have it back intact when he gets past work. In my own case, at the age of 76, I want the money very much but cannot get it except by losing about half. I think it very hard for those who bought Consols at 90 or higher to have to sell out at 46. I do not consider it right; the Government ought to make that good for the poor, as the holders are not responsible for the price going down. I do hope the Government will see their way clear to help, so that the poor will not lose the small amounts they have worked hard for and saved for their old age."

It is difficult to convince people in this position—and there are many thousands of them—that they have not been deliberately robbed by the Government. I have always maintained that more ought to have been done for the holders of Consols and other stocks—not as a matter of right, but of policy.

Shell Control.

Persistent rumours have been in circulation for some time past that the Government was contemplating the purchase of a controlling interest in the Shell Transport and Trading Co. This has now been officially denied, and it never seemed a very probable story in its most popular shape. But there is a good deal of anxiety in official quarters about safeguarding oil supplies, and I should not be at all surprised to learn that there have been "conversations" with the Company on the subject.

THE NEW TREASURY BONDS.

There is an amount of ingenuity and audacity about the Government's latest borrowing scheme which commands admiration. It certainly took the City by surprise, and the novelty of the proposals almost disarmed criticism when the terms were first announced. So far as I know, it is the first time a Government Loan has been offered with a fluctuating rate of interest, although bankrupt States and companies have frequently promised progressive rates depending on certain hopes and contingencies materialising. But the principle in the present case is different; and although its operation is limited at present to five years, I think it is quite a sound one. The basic idea is that instead of allowing the market valuation of the security to depreciate when the price of credit rises, the interest shall be increased so as to keep the capital value reasonably steady. The new bonds offered at par are to be repayable at par on May 1, 1935, with an option both to the Treasury and the holders, on giving a year's notice in April, 1924, or in any subsequent April during the currency of the bonds, to accrue repayment on May 1 next following. Interest is payable half-yearly, on May 1 and November 1, at the minimum rate of 5 per cent.; but in any half-year up to May 1, 1925, when the average rate for Treasury Bills exceeds 5½ per cent. an extra 1 per cent. per annum will be paid, and when the average rate is 6½ per cent. or over, an extra 2 per cent. per annum will be paid. The first interest, payable on November 1 next, will be at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum—that is definitely assured—but if the discount on Treasury Bills subsequently falls to 5½ per cent. or less, interest on the bonds will be reduced to the minimum of 5 per cent. It is dear borrowing, but if the effect is to keep the price up to par the benefit is worth paying for, as nothing has been more disastrous to the credit of the country than the persistent depreciation in the value of Government securities. But what about the Housing Bonds that are so urgently required and for which the campaign has just been inaugurated with the greatest *eclat*? It strikes me that unless they take the form of Premium Bonds they have no earthly chance on a 6 per cent. basis in competition with the Government Loan, and are likely to share the same fate as the recent London County issue. This looks a case in which a little more co-ordination between different Government Departments would have proved extremely useful.

Shipping Problems.

At the meeting of the Cunard Company Sir Alfred Booth stated that he expected a sort of tornado slump in shipping freights, and told the shareholders that the sooner it came the better he would like it. That is the right spirit, which I like. The Yankees can put any confounded restrictions they like on shipping between their own ports, and they appear to think that this will in some mysterious way help them to get command of the seas. Yankee politicians—or many of them—are a dirty lot, but they may just as well cry for the moon or Mars as think that they can beat the Britisher on the sea. They are soft people, who take Pussyfoot as Evangel—and no nation ever lived which bartered its freedom for a mess of barley broth. Just ask our hearty mercantile marines and fishermen, who did so much to win the war, whether they will take a split soda, a cup of coffee, or a tot of rum!

A. and N. Stores.

After the domestic trouble last year it is not in the least surprising that the controllers of this great establishment are anxious to cover their tracks to a certain extent by fiddling about with the capital. They have done splendidly out of their members by profiteering—just in the way that any small shopkeeper might do, with a wife and half-a-dozen babies to support, at a time when his pound is worth about 8s. The philanthropy of the "Stores" in these circumstances is perfectly wonderful, and I am not in the least surprised to learn that the managers are to multiply their holdings by ten and rope in outsiders (if they can) for some more cash to play with. Meanwhile, those in authority might endeavour to derive some benefit from the lesson of the strike at Lewis'. There is room for improvement.

Schweppes' Deferred.

Encouraging progress is shown in the report of Schweppes for the past year. Net profits amounted to £83,000, against £54,000—the largest in the Company's history—and the deferred shares receive a dividend of 5 per cent., their first distribution since 1915. These deferred shares, by the way, are entitled to a cumulative dividend of 7 per cent., and there is a big accumulation of arrears which will doubtless be liquidated in course of time. The chief stumbling block is the large item of £880,000 for goodwill, which must be brought within reasonable compass before the position can be regarded as comfortable, but the deferred shares certainly have speculative possibilities.

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EDITORIAL REPLIES.

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W. H. W. (Stockport).—*Graham, Marsh & Co.:* For goodness' sake don't have anything to do with these people.——J. T. (Newport).—*United Rubber Products:* Another firm was referred to, but the one mentioned is equally undesirable.——A. K. (Tulse Hill).—*Kuala Jeh:* I think you would have better prospects in an older established company. *P. & O. Banking* has excellent backing and is sure to do well. *Maypole Dairy* is an exceedingly prosperous concern, likely to make further progress.——W. J. B. (Aspley Guise).—*Fellows Magneto* is a very promising industrial of which I have great hopes. *Goodsons* and *Joseph Byrom* are more speculative, because high prices cannot last indefinitely and it is impossible to say what may happen in the course of the next two or three years.——"OPTIMIST" (Lincoln).—*Consols:* There is not the remotest possibility of redemption (which is at the option of the Government) in 1923. At the same time I think your best policy now is to hang on.——B. T. McD. (Edinburgh).—*Lake View and Oroya:* You got in pretty near the top and are not likely to see your money back. Sell on any rise.——P. C. L. (Shiplake).—*Cordoba Central:* The market is flat at the moment, but I believe the outlook is excellent and I think the shares are good as a speculative investment.——READER (Camden Road).—*National Penny Bank:* Apply to the Official Receiver, Carey Street, W.C.——R. M. (Ballymean).—*Oilfields Finance* are very speculative. I cannot decipher the second share you mention.——J. T. E. (Hinckley).—*Draft* and *cheque* are often interchangeable terms, although they may be quite different.——J. B. (Cullompton).—*Consols:* Quite good. You can get a better return on other Government stocks, but there is more chance of appreciation in capital value in the case of *Consols*. I cannot answer your other question; consult a solicitor.——W. M. C. (Hove).—*Maypole Dairy:* I cannot follow exactly what you want to know. Are you not content with what you have got out of the Company? The price always falls after a bonus is declared.——E. W. (Brixton).—*Picture Play Houses:* The shares are very speculative. Of course you won't hear anything until the annual report is issued.——E. F. (Llanberis).—*M. M. E. African Syndicate:* The Company has entirely disappeared and I am afraid your shares are quite worthless.——W. J. (Cork).—Your selection is excellent, but you could get a better yield from Corporation stocks, which are far safer. Shipping shares are extremely speculative.——S. O. S. (Bilston).—*Radiation:* I should get out as quick as possible. Don't worry about the price if you can find a buyer.——J. F. J. (Ystradgyhlais).—*Anglo-United Oils:* I do not know when the shares became fully paid. Better apply to the Secretary.

(A considerable number of replies are held over for lack of space, but every endeavour is being made to answer them promptly by post.)

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COMPANY MEETING.

AMALGAMATED INDUSTRIALS, LTD.,

An extraordinary general meeting of Amalgamated Industrials, Ltd., was held on Friday, 30th April, 1920, at Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., for the purpose of considering the following resolution: "That the directors' power to borrow conferred upon the Board by Article 85, clause (E), of the Company's Articles of Association be extended so that the amount at any time owing in respect of moneys so borrowed shall not without the sanction of a general meeting exceed the nominal amount of the issued share capital for the time being or £4,000,000, whichever shall be the greater sum." Mr. John Slater presided.

The Chairman said: Ladies and gentlemen.—You have heard the notice, and all the shareholders have been circularised. It remains for me, therefore, only to mention the objects for which these borrowing powers are required. You will no doubt have noticed in the Press that Amalgamated Industrials have purchased the "Head" Line and "Lord" Line of Belfast and the Cork Steamship Company of Cork. By the acquisition of these companies we have obtained an entrance into the Liner Conference of the World. The managers of the Head Line and the Lord Line, Messrs. Heyn and Sons, celebrate their centenary this year.

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Sir Thomas Wilton seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

An extraordinary general meeting of the ordinary shareholders was afterwards held for the purpose of submitting the following resolution as an extraordinary resolution:—"That the holders of ordinary shares in Amalgamated Industrials, Ltd., in accordance with the provisions of Article 73 of the company's articles of association hereby consent to the variation of the rights attached to such ordinary shares by the Memorandum of Association, which will be entailed by the cancellation of the rights and privileges attached to the 5,000 shares in the capital of the company numbered 1 to 5,000 inclusive and called management shares, and to the amalgamation of such management shares with the ordinary shares to the intent that the same shall hereafter rank for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with such ordinary shares."

The Chairman in moving the resolution, said: "When I purchased the control of Amalgamated Industrials, Ltd., I insisted upon having the whole of these management shares transferred to me, my object at that time being to exchange them at some future date for ordinary shares. I want to impress upon the public that the whole aim of my co-directors and myself is so to frame the laws which rule the company that they shall stand in just the same position so far as any interests which they may have in the company is concerned as the shareholders themselves.

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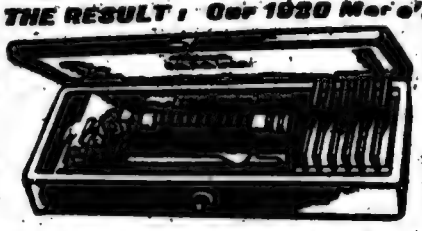

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"FRENCHWOMAN."—Glad you appreciated our recent article upon Anglo-French relations. We may return to the subject shortly.

W. H. S. (Burnley).—"If you have money, you have a duty to perform." So Austen says.

"DISGUSTED" (Bow).—"I am very surprised to see that War Correspondents get knighted . . . Now what have they done to win the war?" That is hastily said. Think it over again, and recall how, for example, the shell shortage was exposed.

A. T. H. (Edinburgh).—In season and out of season we are doing all we can to obtain adequate punishment for the vile beasts guilty of criminal assaults upon helpless little children. A drastic surgical operation would be no more than they deserve.

A. A. H. (Upper George Street, W.).—Your tale of the two "penniless and homeless heroes" has moved us deeply. Pity you could not have persuaded them to communicate with us.

A. W. (Berlin).—We have your letter in which, "writing as a German," you have the impudence to criticise JOHN BULL. Your hatred is a tribute we greatly value.

CAPT. N. M. (Tubaland).—Photograph most interesting. But why "Sir" Horatio? We have not sunk to that.

W. S. B. (Suffolk).—"Bottomley is all right, and many people know it." You are a shrewd observer.

J. H. (Eastriggs).—We shall certainly support any legislation which will make easier the lot of the unmarried mother and her unwanted child.

W. W. D. (Holloway).—We can imagine the indignation of the rank and file of the Railway Clerks' Association on learning that the Executive, without consulting the members, had "invested" £1,000 in the *Daily Herald*.

W. H. L. (Eltham).—We have already called attention to the official catechism addressed to applicants for Old Age Pensions, so you are a bit behind the band.

"NOVUS" (Nylstroom, S.A.).—We have all along appreciated the importance of watching Holland. But thanks, all the same, for your hint.

E. J. N. (H.M.S.———).—Take it from us, the best English (and some of the worst) is spoken in Long Acre, Covent Garden.

"DISGUSTED" (London, S.E.).—When the Vicar of Woodham said he did "not ask to be richer than the scavenger, or any rubbish of that kind," we are quite sure he did not mean to convey that he looked upon scavengers as rubbish, but that he estimated riches as such. We must be fair—even to the parsons.

"MAIDIE" (Somerset).—"We have not endured with France through the war in order to forsake her now." Not even for the beautiful eyes of Mr. Lloyd George.

J. D. (Leith).—"It seems a thankless task to try and educate a chuckle-headed electorate." Shush! Never swear at the jury.

F. H. J. — Since 17th December last the Vienna Emergency Relief Fund has gathered in £115,000, and our Government has added a similar amount. Among food sent from here to Vienna were 2½ million tins of condensed milk. We call it shameful.

R. H. S. (South Africa).—"I have decided to entertain you with my own opinion of your observations upon the Americans." As an entertainer you would get the bird.

H. C. (Bromley).—Bradford has always extended a hearty business and social welcome to the Hun.

H. G. R. (Bristol).—Perhaps you can tell us how to multiply a pound of cheese by another pound of cheese.

MRS. H. (Rickmansworth).—Your assertions concerning the Royal Family are as grotesquely untrue as they are offensive.

"CURIOUS" (Walker).—Really we cannot write our opinion of the Universal Stores every blessed week. It would look like an obsession.

A. K. (Wexford).—Afraid cannot assist you to "get married and settle down." Try us again if ever you want to get divorced and settle up.

A. S. (Wimborne).—Thanks for calling attention to outbreak of scabies in your district. Let's hope you wrote with an antiseptic pen.

"SILVER BADGERS" (Whitehall, S.W.).—"The girl clerks take tea from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and you know the rest." We don't, but we can guess.

C. E. W. (Eastbourne) and OTHERS.—Glad to hear that Sir Harry Haward, who has just relinquished the post of Comptroller of the London County Council to accept the appointment of Electricity Commissioner to the Ministry of Transport, declines to take his superannuation allowance from the L.C.C. until he has finished his new job. For this relief (to the ratepayers) much thanks!

"——" (London, E.C.).—Sorry to undeceive you, but the Statute of Limitations applies after six years—not six months.

D. A. B. (Magdalene College, Camb.) heartily agrees with our sentiments *re* the Bolshevical Robert Williams. So do we.

M. C. (Wallasey).—Sorry your poem was overlooked, but our fool of an office-boy mistook it for a bit of Shakespeare. Thanks, nevertheless.

"READER" (Fulham).—The regulations of Sir William Powell's Almshouses seem to us merely to provide for the selection of inmates of good character only. Any objections?

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A. F. (Nottingham).—Pray don't worry us about the rise in the price of whisky in Belfast. We have troubles of our own.

"EX-SERVICE MAN" (Southampton).—"It is hard on us to have to buy a situation" through registry offices. You'll be lucky if you get one through some of them, anyhow.

R.A.M.C. (Parkstone).—Don't know the circs. in which the matron of the Sandacres Hospital for Officers selected Good Friday for a dance. Because she did not accord with "the local parson" it scarcely follows she was "dancing mad."

"BARNSLA BILL" (Barnsley).—As you will have seen, the price of beer has gone up. Apparently any quality goes down.

A. A. (Bexhill-on-Sea).—When you inquire "by what method the Civil Honours of the *latest* list were given," you touch on one of the great mysteries.

W. J. C. (Brighton).—There is no such thing as the "Order of Merit of the British Empire." There is an Order of Merit and an Order of the British Empire—and there is a very great difference between them.

"WATCHER."—We are perfectly aware of the danger that still threatens us from Germany, without having recourse to Joanna Southcott's mysterious sealed box.

J. F. (Southampton).—Cannot judge the circumstances in which that "Dental Mechanic (good)" offers his services at 40s. a week. Needs must, you know, when the Devil drives.

W. H. P. (Bermondsey).—"You will never get peace in Ireland until Irishmen are united." But how do *you* propose to bring about harmony?

"A DOUBTING HERO WORSHIPPER."—"Between ourselves I want to know, my very dear Horatio ——." Between ourselves, you are just a wee bit too deucedly familiar.

"YOURS TRULY."—From what you and your friends say, the Hurlingham Club, which is not poor, could reasonably afford to pay better wages to the men it employs.

MISSING FATHER (Birmingham).—E. M. and Betty plead for your address.

H. W. R. (Bournemouth).—Sorry we cannot suggest a way of getting children to sleep. Have you tried telling them it is time to get up?

R. A. (London, E.C.).—You are trying to be funny at Mr. Justice Darling's expense. We hope he will never have an opportunity to be funny at yours.

G. G.—"The war is not won at all, at all, *and never will be.*" Then it *is* untrue that the Yankees won it?

"ROTARY" (Sheffield).—Our reference to mice in cold stores seems to make you quite ratty. Relax that unkind brow.

"POET" (Lancashire).—"Truth is truth, it must be told; our god on earth is gold, more gold." Speak for yourself, sir.

M. A. M. (Southampton).—So you think the hunger-striking Irish prisoners are within their rights because "our Lord fasted for 40 days." We never thought of it that way.

I. E. R. (Swansea).—We do not understand any more than you why the Government should send women dental mechanics out to the Rhine Army when there are many ex-soldiers, with far longer practical experience, who would be glad of the job.

"READERS" (Tooting, S.W.).—If you can give details of the alleged attempt "to kill the char-à-banc trade," we will look into the matter with our best binoculars.

W. S. (Blackfriars Road, S.E.).—"Your article may be true or it may not." The former please, and none of your sauce.

G. H. C. (Glasgow).—The case of persons who have bought houses for occupation presents special difficulties to be borne in mind in connection with the new Rent Restriction Act.

E. W. (Rugely).—"Why do not ladies strike against the price of sewing-cotton?" Because if they did they would get none, and all their pretty-pretties would come unstuck.

B. E. F. (Marylebone, S.W.).—Thanks, but four pages of chat and eighteen long stanzas of poetry are a bit more than we can manage at one sitting. If you are not careful you will be getting writers' cramp.

H. J. B. (Bishopston).—"I suppose in the new Income Tax Regulations 'bachelor' includes 'spinster.'" Certainly; man embraces woman.

MRS. R. E. S. (Nebraska).—So you think America's late entry into the war was "not the fault of the boys." More to do with the old women, eh?

J. R. (Southampton), sending a drawing depicting a Southampton docker pulling a load of 5 cwt. up a steep rise, demands, "Do dockers earn 16 bob a day?" If we could do it, we should think we earned 116 bob a day.

"COMMON SENSE" (Hexham).—What's that advertising dentist done to you? Not broken your jaw, evidently.

"OLD READER" (Kings X).—On previous occasions we have made it clear that we are not enamoured of the business customs of Mr. William Bacher, flat agent, 9, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.

F. E. (Guildford).—We are in the most cordial agreement with the Coroner who said it was "horrible" that a man who had served his country should be left to maintain himself, his wife, and baby on a pension of 16s. a week, which is to be reduced to 12s. at the end of the year. But is it the fact that the poor fellow in question is entirely dependent on his pension?

MRS. D. P. (Brixton).—"Your Barber had the Darbey winner (?) well taped in his Chair." Do you refer to the filly Leonora?

M. J. (Hammersmith) says that these continuous attacks on the working man's beer on the part of the Government will result in their being told to "hop it" at the next General Election.

J. P. M. (Aberdeen).—"There's always the chance with 'Bullets' that you may tickle the Editor's fancy." Sae ye hae na need tae stop yer ticklin', Jock.

E. G. (London).—As you apparently suggest a conspiracy on the part of railway clerks to swindle the public, perhaps you would give us more particulars than an assertion on the back of a postcard.

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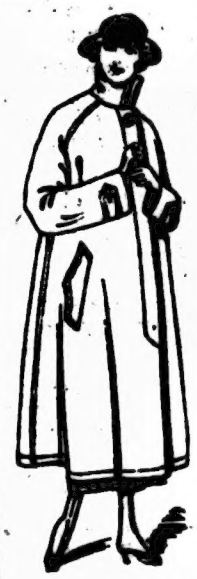

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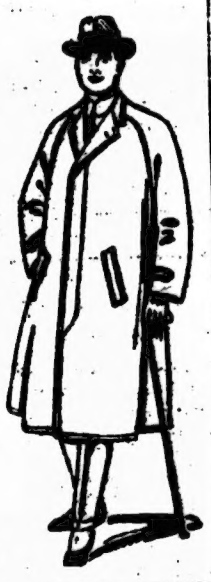

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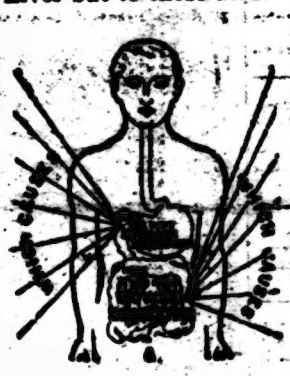
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